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Leave BOMBAY	December 1873.	Leave Tuticorin	December 1873.
" Ratnagherry	14	" Colombo	22
" Vingorla	14	" Galle	23
" Goa	14	" Pamben	26
" Carwar	15	" Madras	28
" Mangalore	16	" Coconada	30
" Cannanore	17	" Vizagapatam	31
" Tellicherry	17	" Bimlipatam	31
" Calicut	18		Jan. 1874.
" Beypore	18	" Gopalpore	1
" Cochin	19	" False Point	2
" Alleppy	19	Arrive CALCUTTA	3

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Messageries Maritimes Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

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Leave BOMBAY	Dec. 1873.	Leave BUSREH	Dec. 1873.
" Kurrachee	9	" Fao	24
" Guadur	10	" Koweit	24
" Muscat	12	" Bushire	26
" Bunder Abbas	14	" Linga	29
" Linga	16		Jan. 1874.
" Bahrein	12	" Bunder Abbas	2
" Bushire	18	" Muscat	5
" Fao	20	" Guadur	6
" Mahomerah	20	" Kurrachee	9
Arrive BUSREH	21	Arrive BOMBAY	12

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12 Dessert ditto	25 " at	6 0	7 10 0
2 Gravy Spoons	12 " at	6 0	3 12 0
1 Soup Ladle	11 " at	6 0	3 6 0
4 Sauce ditto	12 " at	6 0	3 18 0
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12 Tea ditto	" at	6 0	4 4 0
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THE P. & O Co.'s S. S. KHEDIVE, (3,742 Tons, and 600 H. P.). Captain J. D. Sywand, will LEAVE for SUEZ, as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Venice, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Trieste, Odessa, Constantinople, Ancona, Havre, Liverpool, London, and New York.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal, in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to embarkment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon, at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

GEO. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 1st December 1873.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Tuesday, the 2nd December, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. BEHAR, (1,978 tons and 300 H.P.), Capt. W. E. Durban, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged at the Company's Office before noon, on Saturday, the 29th November.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 18th November 1873.

EXTRA STEAMER TO CHINA.

THE Peninsular and Oriental Company's s. s. COLUMBIAN, 2,189 Tons, 500 H. P., Captain R. D. Stead, will leave for China on TUESDAY, the 9th December, at noon, calling at Singapore.

For Freight or Passage apply to

GEORGE F HENRY,
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3, Rampart Row, 28th November 1873.

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PASSAGE MONEY TO BOMBAY.

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SECOND CLASS	£50

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 31st October 1873.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

SUEZ CANAL ROUTE.

It is intended to despatch the Company's Steamers leaving Bombay on the following dates, direct through the Suez Canal to Southampton :—

2nd March 1874.
16th do.
30th do.
13th April 1874.
27th do.
11th May 1874.

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First Class	Rs. 600
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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.

Bank Bills, 6 months' sight ..... 1s. 10 5/16d.
Credit Bills, do. ..... 1s. 10 7/16d.
Documents, do. ..... 1s. 10¼d.
Bank Bills, 3 months' sight ..... 1s. 10 1/16d.
Credits, do. ..... 1s. 10 3/16d.
Documents, do. ..... 1s. 10¼d.
Bank Bills, demand ..... 1s. 9⅞ to 2 5/32

On Calcutta Bank Bills, 60 days' sight. 99⅛ to
Do demand ..... 100⅛ to 3/16

On Madras 30 days' sight 99⅞
Do, demand ..... par

On China House Bills, 60 days' sight. to 224.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent. 110½
Four & half per cent. 106½
Four per cent. ..... 104½ to 0⅝
Four & half per cent. (Public Works Loan) ...106¸
Five per cent. Debenture Loan, 1866-67 ... 103½
15 years' Debenture Loans ... 105½
10 years' do. do. ... 105
5 years' do. do. ... 103
Six per cent. Municipal Loan House Rate ...112
Do. Do. Market Rate 112
New French Loan 5 per cent. fully paid up of 1871 and 1872 ..... 92⅛
New French Loan instalment paper of 1872... ...94
Paris Municipal Loan (Debenture Rs. 117) per Bond ..... 115.

Rates of discount at New Bank of Bombay—
Loans on Government Paper on demand ..... 4 per cent.
Fixed Loans on do. for 3 months' ..... 5½ ,,
Do. do. ..... 6½ ,,
Do. on Merchandize ..... 6½ ,,
Cash Credit on do. ..... 6½ ,,
Do. do. ..... 7½ ,,
Do. do. ..... 7½ ,,
Bank Bills ..... 6½ ,,
Mercantile Paper ..... 6 ,,

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

6-ounce pieces, each ..... Rs. 10 7/8
Cashier 230
Mexican Dollars 222
Five-Franc Pieces 221½
Bar Silver ..... 107 to 107¼
Gold Leaf 17
Bar Gold 10 oz. English 100 touch 17-8
Australian Gold ..... 100 touch 17-8

FREIGHT REPORT.

MONDAY EVENING.

Rates by steamers are firm at £3-2-6 for large lots and £3-5-0 for bazaar rates. Ships nothing doing.

London { Cotton ..... 2-15-0 / Cases ..... 2-15-0 / Seeds 2-6-3
Liverpool { Iron Ships Cotton ..... £2 5s. 0d. / Wooden Ships ,, ... £2 0s. 0d. nominal. / Myrabolams ..... £2 0s. 0d. / Coir bills ..... £2 10s. / Seeds ..... £2 5s. 0d.
Havre ... { Cotton ..... / Coffee ..... } No ship.
Overland Steamers—
London ..... £3 10s. 0d.
Venice ..... £3 0s. 0d.
Trieste ..... £3 0s. 0d.
Liverpool ..... £3 5s. 0d.
Havre Cotton ..... £3 5s. 0d.
Liverpool via { Wheat ..... £3 0s. 0d. / Seeds ..... £3 0s. 0d.
Suez Canal ... { Cotton ..... £3 2s. 0d. at £3 5s. 0d.
China ... { Steamer Cotton ..... Rs. 20 per ton. / Opium ..... Rs. 25 to 30 per chest. / Sailing Ships ..... Rs. 4 per bale nominal
Calcutta ...Salt ..... Rs. 4 per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay ..... Rs. 15 port charges.
Mauritius ..... Nothing doing.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

MONDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

MARKET dull for Spinning and other shares. Colabas and National Bank steady.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nominal value Rs.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	88xd.
22,000	1,000	all	8 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,460
10,000	500	all	12 p.c.	Do of Bombay New ..	762½
19,000	500	100	12 p ct	Do 2nd Res. Issue	262½
5,250	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,140
19,000	250	all	8 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. & China	280
40,000	75½	all	12 pct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	450 nl.
40,000	200	all	5 pct.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C..	200
6,000	250	125	6 p.ct.	National Bank of India.	175
19,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	495

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

.....	£20	21[illegible]	p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	24[illegible]
.....	£20	19[illegible]	do.	Do. New £20 Shares	126
.....	£20	18[illegible]	do.	Ditto	
.....	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,125
.....	£18	19[illegible]	do.	Do. New Shares	

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 60	Colaba Land Co	1405
8,000	150	all	Nil.	Freve Land & Pier Co. Ld.	106
750	2,000	2,000	30p.c.	Mazagon Land	925
6,000	1,000	all	18p.c.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	385

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	160 p.c.	Akbar Cotton Press Co...	1,650
200	2,000	1,100	150do.	Albert Co. Kurrachee....	900
100	500	all	15 pc.	Albert Ginning Co.....	500
250	3,000	850	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co.....	215
150	12,000	11,000	100pc.	Apollo Press Co.....	6,200
200	2,500	all	...	Beraz Cotton G. & P. Co.	1,400
200	2,000	all	200pc.	Bombay Press Co.....	1,125
200	500	all	50 p.c.	Do New.....	275
350	1,000	1,000	100 p.c.	Broach Cotton Co	550
100	1,500	...	...	Carwar Company.....	930
500	1,000	all	50	Colaba Press Co.....	4,200
500	2,000	all	250pc.	East India Press Co.....	2,700
150	6,500	all	100	Fort Press Co.....	5,500
300	2,000	1,800	70 p.c.	Framji Cowasji Press Co.	450
300	1,000	all	75 p.c.	Freend Press Co	635
250	5,000	1,460	75 p.c.	Imperial Press Co.....	775
200	400	350	60 p.c.	Mofussil Press & G. Co.	715
600	2,000	5 00	...	Nicol Press Manufg. Co., Ld	2,000
400	2,500	750	125 p.c.	Prince of Wales Press.....	1,800
200	1,000	all	...	Sassoon's Press Co.....	600
400	350	75	135 p.c.	Scinde Press Co.....	500
100	1,000	750	...	Scinde and Punjab Cotton Press Co., Limited....	1,175
12	1,500	1,250	Rs. 80	Victoria Press, Madras..	1,150
150	350	all	90 p.c.	Vic. Cot. Gin & Press Co.	850
400	1,000	all	80 p.c.	Volkart United Press Co.	1,000

6 Per share for the half year.

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

620	1,250	all	112½	Alexandra Spinning	1,300
300	2,500	all	140*	Alliance Spinning	2,715
300	2,000	all	...	Bhownuggur M. & P. Co.	1,900
300	1,000	all	60*	Bombay United	1,215
1,000	150	150	25*	Broach Mills	270
2,000	2,000	all	70p.	Dhurumsey Spinning.....	1,755
150	2,000	all	200p.c.	Great Eastern	2,600
750	1,000	all	...	Jeewraj Ballo Mills	1,240
1,500	1,000	all	75 p.c.	Manockji Petit's	1,400
500	1,000	all	100p.c.	Morarjee Spinning	1,275
900	2,500	all	150 p.c.	Oriental	3,600
800	2,500	400	100p.c.	Royal	2,150
500	1,000	all	...	Soondercdas Spinning.....	1,500

* Per share for the half-year.

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of Liquidation.		
.....	95	19½	...	Bank of China..... 1
.....	250	2	Mar. '66	Central Bank..... 1
.....	...	...	...	East India Bank 1
.....	200	13	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula..... 1
.....	200	70½	May '67	Royal Bank 0

MISCELLANEOUS.

.....	2,500	1,500	12 p.c.	Bombay Barmah Trading Corporation	1,37[illegible]
1,000	50	all	4½ p.c.	Bombay Gas Company ..	65
500	500	300	15 p.c.	Landing and Shipping Co. of Kurrachee Ld..	102
2,150	200	100	8 p.c.	Malabar Company Ld...	100
4,000	50	all	12 p.c.	Mechanics Build'g Co..	25
.....	500	all	45 p.c.	Preacher & Co	425
.....	250	all	40 p.c.	Wiegal Patent Slip Co ...	48

SALES AND PURCHASES

PIECE GOODS.

OWING to the departure of the Overland Mail nothing important has taken place yesterday, and prices remain quite unchanged.

COTTON.

The public telegraphic intelligence of the 29th ult. reports the Liverpool market as closing firm, with sales 14 000 bales. There is a further rise of ¼d. in Fair Dhollera, and of 1/16d. in Oomrawuttee, being respectively quoted at 5¾d. per lb., and 5d. out of the sales of 14,000 bales 4,000 are for exports and on account of speculation, and 4,000 of Surats, which are said to be steady. The Cotton Market here continues very firm, and though there is no material alteration in the prices of old cotton, an advance of Rs. 5 per candy has taken place in new descriptions. There has been a strong demand on European account, and purchases to the extent of about 2,000 candies have taken place at the advanced prices. The following are our closing quotations :—

Old Dhollerah ..... Rs. 184 to Rs. 188
,, Oomrawuttee ..... ,, 183 to ,, 186
,, Sawginned ..... ,, 190 to ,, 196
,, Vingoria ..... ,, 182 to ,, 185
New Oomrawuttee, Feb. delivery ..... ,, 215 to ,, 216
,, Akote ,, ... ,, 220 to ,, 222
,, Broach, M. G. March ,, ... ,, 236 to ,, 237
,, Hingunghaut Jan. ,, ... ,, 248 to ,, 250
,, Dholleva April ,, ... ,, 195 to ,, 198

The undermentioned purchases are reported to have been made by European firms yesterday :—

25 candies Old Dhollers ..... Rs. 184
25 ,, ,, Vingoria ..... ,, 182
1,000 ,, ,, New Dhollera, April delivery..... ,, 195
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10 ,, ,, ,, ,, ... ,, 204
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NEW BANK OF BOMBAY (LIMITED).

STATEMENT of the affairs of the New Bank of Bombay (Limited) as on the 29th November, compared with the statement issued on 22nd November :—

LIABILITIES.	22nd Nov. Rs.	29th Nov. Rs.
Proprietors Capital :—		
First Issue of 10,000 Shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid ..... Rs. 50,00,000		
Second Issue of do. of Rs. 100 do. ..... ,, 10,00,000	60,00,000	60,00,000
Reserve Fund, invested in Government Securities	13,00,000	13,00,000
Government General Treasury Balance at Head Office	1,08,84,054	1,12,36,196
Do. do. do. at Branches.	29,73,033	29,87,156
Other Deposits	1,48,67,341	1,35,79,095
Post Bills	23,570	24,448
Cash Credits, undrawn	6,28,371	6,36,791
Rs.	3,61,56,369	3,47,61,786
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	41,01,087	34,29,494
Cash Credits, on Security of Government Paper, Bullion, and Merchandise	14,92,136	14,90,472
Loans, on Security of do. do.	6,05,012	12,63,730
Current Accounts, overdrawn	1,927	2,360
Bills Discounted	1,02,38,174	1,03,77,332
Stamps	5,399	5,527
Dead Stock ..... Rs. 5,01,441		
Amount applied in reduction ,, 95,000	4,06,441	4,06,441
Bullion	2,86,693	3,09,114
Cash Balances with Correspondents ...	5,34,589	5,93,099
Cash and Currency Notes	1,54,85,911	1,52,24,417
Rs.	3,61,56,369	3,47,61,786

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
30	Dido (s)	Bellovich	Trieste, Nov. 1
Dec. 1	Punjaub (s)	Gavin	Bussorah, Nov. 12.
,,	Wimbledon	Christie	Kangoon, Oct. 11.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
1	India (s)	Dodero	Genoa, &c.
	China (s)	Perrino	Aden and Suez.
	Cashmere (s)	Grecy	Kurrachee via Cutch Mandvee.
	Strathclyde (s)	Pears	Liverpool.

The following vessels obtained their port clearance, yesterday :—
Ship Shahpore, Lehon, to Liverpool.
Schooner Mahi, Nacoda, to Cochin and Colombo.

The following vessels were entered out for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Dido, to Trieste, &c.
Steamer Oorun, to C sel and Cut h.
Steamer Punjaub, to Persian Gulf via Kurrachee.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.
27 Asia (s)..... Calcutta.
28 Mirzapore (s)..... Southampton.

GALLE.

ARRIVAL.

Nov.
27 Peshawur (s)..... Calcutta.

COLABA OBSERVATORY.

Results of Meteriological Observations made at the Government Observatory, Colaba, Latitude 18 deg. 53m. 45s. N., Longitude 4h. 81m., 12·3 East. Height of Barometer above the Sea=37 feet.

November.	Mean of Observations taken at 6 A.M., 10 A.M., 2 P.M., 4 P.M., and 10 P.M.							Wind.		Movements in 24 hours.
	Barometer corrected to 32 deg. Fah.	Temperature of the Air.	Wet-bulb Thermometer.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity of Air.	Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky considered as 1).	Maximum temperature of Air read at 10 P.M.	Minimum temperature of Air read at 6 A.M.	General Direction.	
	In.	O	O	O			O	O		Mls
24	29·931	78·9	67·6	61·6	·559	0·0	86·2	72·2	ENE, NE, WNW, NW, NNW, NNE.	ENE, NW, NE.	302
25	·901	79·4	68·0	61·9	·571	0·0	85·6	70·8	N NE, ESE, E, WNW, NNW, NNE.	ENE, NW, E.	259
26	·901	80·7	69·3	63·5	·572	0·0	86·6	74·3	NNE, NE, ENE, E, NW, NNW, N.		278
27	·905	81·2	69·3	63·4	·562	0·6	83·6	72·3	NE, NNE, NE, NNW, N.		333
28	·885	79·5	69·2	64·0	·595	0·0	85·0	74·7	N, NNE, NE, WNW, NW, NNW, N.		259
29	·870	79·1	69·5	64·9	·626	0·0	86·6	71·7	N, E, ENE, NE, NW, NNW, N.		224
30	·924	79·6	67·6	61·1	·560	0·0	87·1	71·0	N, NE, ENE, WNW, NNW, NNE.		241

DAILY IMPORTS.—1ST DECEMBER.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Cerdic, s, 20 cases twine, H. Allibhoy and Co.; 376 bars iron, T. Escoffally.

FROM LONDON.

Timor, s, 9 cases tobacco, G. Surrufally.
Strathclyde, s, 2 packages glassware and Chinaware, H. Rogers and Co.
Yeddie, s, 50 cases brandy, J. Nowrojee.
Gresham, s, 10 cases brandy, C. Bouneville and Co.
British Sceptre, 50 cases brandy, J. Nowrojee.

FROM GENOA.

Arabia, s, 30 cases brandy, J. Nowrojee.
India, s, 2 cases hair oil, N. A. Hormusjee.

DAILY EXPORTS—1ST DECEMBER.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Cerdic, s, 100 bales cotton, Morarjee Hurry and Co.; 2 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels and Co.; 74 bales cotton, Mackinlay, Simpson and Co.; 25 bales cotton, L. Ramdass; 100 bales cotton, Vithuldass Corjee; 350 bales cotton, Jeewr.j Bulloo; 100 bales cotton, G. Khutfoor and Co.; 200 bales cotton, N. Manuckjee and Co.; 130 bales cotton, Richard Martin and Co.; 4 bales skins, J. Sawoo and Co.; 494 bundles gall, R. Manuckhund; 95 bales wool, J. Sawoo and Co.; 20 bales wool, J. G. Yojnik; 35 bales cotton, D. Dossa; 100 bales cotton, T. Veljee and Co.; 29 bales cotton, S. Gulleh nd; 100 bales cotton, M. Lalbhund; 1,878 bales coir fibres, H. M. Cassom; 1 0 bales cotton, D. Jairaj.
Khedive, s, 57 bales cotton, T. Veljee and Co.; 150 bales cotton, R. Ambaidass; 24 bales cotton, J. Peerbhoy; 25 bales cotton, R. Martin and Co.; 28 bales wool, N. Manuckjee and Co; 100 bales cotton, S. Mooljee.

FOR LONDON.

China, s, 1 bundle E. teeth, C. Canjee.
Khedive, s, 69 cases oilmanstores, R. Alinza; 14 cases cardamoms, Mooljee Lilladhur; 20 cases P. feather, M. Pewraz; 201 bales coir yarn, S. Pudomsey; 190 bales coir fibre and — bales coir yarn, C. Rustomjee Setna.

FOR HAVRE.

Khedive, s, 200 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Khedive, s, 250 bags wheat, Finlay, Scott and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Khedive, s, 100 bales cotton, H. Clason and Co.; 51 bales cotton, A. Pursotum.

FOR VENICE.

Khedive, s, 100 bales cotton, H. Clason and Co.
Dido, s, 100 bales cotton, K. Preiswerck and Co.; 309 bales cotton, G. Sigg and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Dido, s, 169 bales cotton, K. Preiswerck and Co.; 313 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels and Co.; 59 bales cotton, Austrian Trading Co.

ANCONA.

Khedive, s, 48 bags wheat, Volkart Brothers.

FOR SUEZ.

Khedive, s, 3 cases silk, Volkart Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Columbian, s, 10 cases peacock feather, M. Dewraz; 10 packages fishmaws, M. Nuthoo; 71 bundles sharkfins and 29 bundles fishmaws, — Rowjee; 16 cases raisins, R. Alibraz; 26 cases raisins, C. Ebram; 78 bags op'ates, S. N. Tolatee; 69 bales cotton, B. Fuckeerchund; 17 bales cotton, S. Tyebjee and Co.; 25 bales twist, M. Vinjocandass; 19 bales cotton, J. Peerbhoy; 15 bags beelbian; C. Noordin and Co.; 8 packages raisin and 3 cases beerabole, B. Sewjee.
Behar, s, 32 chests opium, J. Peerbhoy; 66 chests opium, E. D. Sassoon and Co.; 33 chests opium, S. E. Sassoon and Co.; 150 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co.; 43 chests opium, C. Ebram; 12 chests opium, C. Romonjee and Co.; 7 chests opium, J. Gunnabai; 8 chests opium, G. Sobhanund; 5 chests opium G. Johermull; 10 chests opium, R. Dhunjeeshaw and Co; 38½ chests opium, D. C. Tata; 20 chests opium, N. Kessowjee and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Behar, s, 25 chests opium, D. D. Ghandy and Co.; 15 chests opium, C. Bomanjee and Co.; 27 chests opium, C. Ebram; 5 chests opium, B. Dhunjeeshaw and Co.; 6 chests opium, J. Dulsookroy; 2½ chests opium, G. Sunganee.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—NOVEMBER 27.

Burton, Major, Staff Corps, to rejoin, from England.

NOVEMBER 28.

Healey, Captain, 63th Foot, on leave, from Kurrachee.

NOVEMBER 29.

Hume, Lieutenant-Colonel, Bengal P. W. Department, on furlough, from Rawal Pindee.

NOVEMBER 30.

Ballard, Colonel, Royal Engineers and Mint Master, on duty, from Agra.

DECEMBER 1.

Calder, Surgeon Major, 108th Regiment, on leave, from Deesa.

—DEPARTURES—DECEMBER 1.

Farewell, Lieutenant-Colonel, Madras Staff Corps, on duty, to Madras.
Elliott, Lieutenant-Colonel, Madras Staff Corps, on furlough, to England.
Vanrenen, Major, Bengal Staff Corps, on furlough, to Europe.
Barton, Major, 83th Regiment, on furlough, to England
Sampson, Captain, 9th Bengal, Cavalry, to rejoin, to Deolee.
Ward, Major, Bengal Royal Engineers, on furlough to England
Blake, Surgeon Major, Bengal Medical Department, on furlough, to England.
O'Kelly, Captain and Paymaster, 2nd Battalion 19th Foot, on leave, to England.
Hume, Lieutenant-Colonel, Bengal Royal Engineers, on furlough, to England.
Harcourt, Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, on leave, to England.
Blair, Captain, Bengal Royal Engineers, on furlough, to England.
Worgan, Colonel, Royal Artillery, on duty, to Aden.

BOMBAY ARMY ORDERS.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.
Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters.
Poona, 29th November, 1873.

Captain R M Chambers, 8th N L I, performed the duties of Station Staff officer, Belgaum, in addition to his own, from the 9th to the 30th November 1873, during the absence of the Brigade Major on duty.

The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to make the following appointments :—

1st Grenadier N I—Capt L G Brown, Staff Corps, to be first Wing Subaltern vice Lieut Grant.
2nd Grenadier N I—Capt F P Worthy, Staff Corps, to officiate as Quarter Master.

Under instructions from Horse Guards, Lieut W G Dunsford, 108th Foot, will proceed to England for duty with the Regimental Depot, doing duty with troops on the voyage.

The undermentioned officers returned to duty by permission of the Sc y of State for India on the dates specified :—

Capt W F Prideaux, Staff Corps, Asst Political Resident, Aden, 6th Nov 1873.
Lieut-Col R B Wallace, Staff Corps, Judge, Small Cause Court, Kurrachee, 14th Nov 1873.
Col J G Fife, R E, Chief Engr for Irrigation, 24th Nov 1873.
Col J A Wood, V C, Staff Corps, Comdt 24th N I 24th Nov 1873.

The undermentioned is reported to have passed the required examination in Hindustani according to the Lower Standard test :—

Qr Mr H Jones, 26th F.ot.

2nd Regiment Light Cavalry—Regimental Order, dated 4th Sept 1873, directing Lieut Jones to officiate as third Squadron Officer in addition to his own duties vice Lieut Owen, offg Second Squadron Officer.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

108th Foot—Surgn Maj W M Calder, to Bombay, from date of departure, for 30 days, on medical certificate, preparatory to obtaining a final certificate to Europe.

British Medical Service—Surgn Maj H Lamb, in medical charge Mount Aboo Sanitarium, to remain at Aboo, from date of being relieved, for two months, on private affairs.

POONA DIVISION ORDERS.

BY MAJOR-GENERAL J. T. GRANT, C.B.,
Commanding P. D. A.
Poona, 28th November, 1873.

At the recommendation of the Depy Surgn Genl I T the following Medical arrangements in connection with the Depot Hospitals to be formed for the reception of the sick of Native Troops for the Camp of Exercise.

Surgn Maj Davey to remain at Kirkee with the Head Quarters Sappers and Miners Hospital Staff.

Surgn Maj O'Connor to be placed in charge of 1st Depot Hospital, with Hospital establishment of the 1st Grenadiers.

Surgn Maj Cates will assume charge of the 2nd and 3rd Depot Hospitals with Hospital Staff of the 8th and 17th Regiment.

The sick of Native Regiments will be attached to the following Depot Hospitals during the period of the Camp of Exercise, and the undermentioned Medical Officers are directed to assume medical charge of the same on or about the 3rd December next :—

1st Depot Hospital (1st Grenadiers.) 1st Grenadier Regt N I, 11th Regt N I, 14th Regt N I, Surg Major O'Kearney in medical charge, 2nd Depot Hospital (8th Regt N I), 8th Regt N I, 15th Regt N I, 19th Regt N I, 3rd Depot Hospital (17th Regt N I), 17th Regt N I, 27th Regt N I, 28th Regt N I, Surg Major Cates in Medical charge, Depot Hospital (Sappers and Miners, Kirkee,) No 1 Company N A, 1st Regt L C, Poona Horse two Squadrons, and Surg Major Davey in charge.

Poona, 28th November, 1873.

Under instructions from Army Head Quarters, the Serjeants No 170 James Harrison, and No 100 Thomas Larine, of H M's 2-7th Fusiliers will proceed to Deolalee on the morning of the 30th instant, for duty during the trooping season, in relief of two Serjeants of H M's 65th Light Infantry, who will rejoin their corps.

The discharge from the service of Private John Boylan 68th Regt L I, having been sanctioned, he will be forwarded to Deolalee, on the morning of the 30th instant, for embarkation to England, by the first available opportunity agreeably to instructions received from Army Head Quarters.

Private Boylan should be placed in charge of the Senior Serjt of the 2-7th Fusiliers proceeding to Deolalee on the above date as p r Division Order No 519 of to-day, who will be responsible for his safe arrival, being assisted in this duty by two men of the 44th Foot, who will be placed at his disposal by the Supt of the Rest House, Poona.

The Depy Surg Genl B M S is directed to proceed to Cinchwud and return on duty, travelling to and from that Station by rail at the public expense.

At the recommendation of the Depy Surg Genl B M S the services of Asst Apothecary West, attached to the Poorundhur Sanitarium, are required for duty with the F-18 R A proceeding to the Camp of Exercise, is directed to join the Battery at Kirkee with the least possible delay, travelling from Poorundhur expeditiously at the public expense.

At the recommendation of the Depy Surg Genl I T, the following medical arrangements are ordered :—

Surg Solomon will take over medical charge of the 17th Regt N I, on departure of Surg Maj Dick, appointed to Native Field Hospital 2nd Division.

On departure of the 1st Light Cavalry to the Camp of Exercise, Sub-Asst Surg Kassin Vergi Patel will receive medical charge of the sick and details of that Corps from Surgn McAlister.

Capt W Scott, Depy Asst Quarter Master General Camp of Exercise is directed to proceed to Chinchwud on duty travelling to that Station by rail at the public expense.

PUNJAB ORDERS.

(*Punjab Gazette*, Nov. 27.)

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Mr A F D Cunningham, Asst Comr, made over charge of the Civil Treasury of Montgomery to Mr A C Marshall, Extra Asst Comr, on the forenoon of the 17th Nov 1873.

Mr G Lewis, Extra Asst Comr, made over charge of the Civil Treasury of Jhang to Mr T Tolbort, Depy Comr, on the afternoon of the 14th Nov 1873.

Mr J W Smyth, Depy Comr, on return from furlough, received charge of the Lahore District on the 19th Nov 1873, before noon.

Mr J G Cordery, Depy Comr, on return from leave, is appointed to the charge of the Gujranwalah District.

Mr Cordery received charge of the district on the 20th Nov 1873 before noon.

With the sanction of the Govr-Genl in Council, the Hon'ble the Lieut-Govr is pleased to invest Mr W Coldstream, Asst Comr, Amritsar, under Section 20 of the Punjab Courts' Act, 1865, with the civil and criminal powers of a Depy Comr, as defined in Section 11 of the said Act, in the Amritsar District.

Mr A C Mashall, Extra Asst Comr, having reported his return to Montgomery on the afternoon of the 18th Nov, the unexpired portion of the privilege leave granted to him, is hereby cancelled.

Sur-Maj R Rouse, Civil Surgeon, Ludianah, has obtained privilege leave of absence for thirty-one days, with effect from the afternoon of 25th Nov 1873.

The services of Mr W M Young are placed at the disposal of the Financial Comr for the Punjab, temporarily, with effect from the forenoon of this date.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The following Orders are confirmed :—

4th Punjab Infantry—Regimental Order dated 13th Nov 1873, making the following temporary arrangements, consequent on the death of Capt W Snow, 2nd in Command and Wing Officer :

Capt C K McKinnon, Wing Officer, 3rd Punjab Infantry, and Offg Wing Officer, to officiate as 2nd in Command and Wing Officer.

Lieut A Gadee, 1st Wing Subaltern and Offg Adjt, to officiate as Wing Officer, in addition to h s duties as 1st Wing Subaltern.

Lieut T O'D Renny, 2nd Wing Subaltern and Offg Qrmr, to officiate as Adjt in addition to his duties as 2nd Wing Subaltern, and to retain charge of the Qrmr's Office.

5th Goorkhas—Regimental Order dated 9th Nov 1873, making the following temporary arrangements on the appointment of Col O E Rothney, C S I, to the Brigade Staff of the Army :—

Capt J M Sym, Qrmr and offg 2nd in Command, to officiate as Comdr

Capt J Cook, Wing Officer to officiate as 2nd in Command.

Capt E Molloy, Adjt, to officiate as Wing Officer.

Capt W E Gowan, Offg 1st Wing Subaltern, to officiate as Qrmr, in addition to his other duties.

Capt Gowan will hold charge of the left Wing in addition to his other duties, until the return of Capt Molloy from special duty.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr J G Clarkson, Ex Engr, 4th Grade, 2nd Division, Ambalah and Lahore Road, is allowed one month's preparatory leave to enable him to reach the port of embarkation.

IRRIGATION BRANCH.

The Notification transferring Mr H C Cotton, Ex Engr, 2nd Grade, from the Special Survey Division, Western Jumna Canal, to the Delhi Division, is cancelled.

POSTAL NOTICES

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.	Mail. closes.	Arrival.	Arrival. packet.
United Kingdom	Dec. 8	5-30 P.M.	...	6-30 P.M
Kurrachee	,, 8	11 A.M.	...	12 A.M,
Persian Gulf via Kurrachee.	,, 5	11 A.M.	...	12 A.M.
Australian	,, 13	4-30 P.M.	No after packet	
China	,, 2	4-30 P.M.		
Mauritius, Reunion, &c.....	,, 22	5-30 P.M.	...	6-30 P.M.
Zanzibar	...	5-30 P.M.	...	6-30 P.M.

POSTAGE ON LETTERS FOR ZANZIBAR.

Under a Treasury Warrant received from Her Majesty's Post Master General, the postage on letters for Zanzibar forwarded via Bombay to Aden by the Mail Steamers of the P. and O. S. N. Company, and thence by the B. I. S. N. Company's Vessels, is increased from 4 annas to 8 annas per half ounce.

1. Prepayment in full by this route is compulsory.
2. Letters forwarded by this route and by the continuation of the line to Mozambique, Delagoa Bay, Natal, and the Cape of Good Hope will also be subject to an increase from 4 annas to 8 annas per half ounce.
3. Prepayment in full by this route is compulsory.
4. Letters forwarded by this route can be registered only for Natal and the Cape of Good Hope, the registration fee being 4 annas per cover.

MAILS FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF.

*9th Dec. 1873.	*12th Dec. 1873.	22nd Dec. 1873.	
8th ,, ,,	15th ,, ,,	29th ,, ,,	
	19th ,, ,,	29th ,, ,,	

* Persian Gulf steamers.

DESPATCH OF INLAND MAILS FROM BOMBAY.

REVISED TABLE of the hours for closing the Inland Mails which came into force from the 1st December and will continue so until further notice :—

MAILS.	At General Post Office. Ordinary Letters, &c.	At General Post Office. After-Packet.	At Branch Offices.
For Bengal, N. W. Provinces, Punjab, Central Provinces, Malwa, Berar, and for the following Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway—Wassind, Kasoun ra, Egutpoora, Nassick, Munmar, Nandgaum, Chalisgaum; and those from Bhoosawul to Jubbulpore and Bhoosawul to Nagpore...	8 A.M.	9-30 A.M.	7-20 A.M.
For all Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, as far as Bhoosawul only.	4 A.M.	5 A.M.	5 P.M. of previous day.
For all Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, for Poona, the Deccan, S. M. Country and Madras Presidency; also for Ahmednugur and Seroor	12 NOON.	12-30 A.M.	10-30 A.M.
For ditto on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, as far as Poona, Deccan, and S. M. Country, ...	7-30 A.M.	8 A.M.	5 P.M. of previous day.
For ditto on the B. B. and C. I. Railway for Guzerat, Kurrachee, Sind, Kattiawar, and Kutch	4 A.M.	6 A.M.	5 P.M. of previous days.
For ditto in Southern Concan, i.e., for Penn, Nagotna, Mhar, Khed, Rajpooree, and Rutnagherry	6 A.M.	.....	5 P.M. of previous day.

Registered letters and banghy parcels for despatch by all mails will be received, except on Sundays, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

LETTERS.—There are six deliveries in Bombay every day : at 8 A.M., 10 A.M., 11-30 A.M., 12 30 P.M., 2 P.M., and 5 P.M. The payment of extra postage up till 5-30 P.M. at Apollo Bunder. Postage on inland letters not exceeding ½ tolah 2 annas, 1 tolah 2 annas, 1½ tolah 2 annas, 2 tolahs 2 annas; on foreign letters not exceeding ½ ounce via Brindisi 8 annas, 1 ounce Re. 1, via Southampton not exceeding ½ ounce 6 annas,

in the Dehli district are extraordinarily sickly. The total deaths registered under the head of small-pox were 72 as compared with 56 in the previous week; 14 was the highest number of small pox deaths in any one district: it occurred in Rawulpindee. There was no death registered under the head of cholera. There were 533 male and 520 female births registered.

A LUCKNOW paper says—"With the exception of a few cases of fever and cholera, the health of the city, we are happy to record, is good; but scarcity prevails, and day by day provisions, corn in particular, are becoming dearer. Charity should begin at home, but grain is being exported from the province, and the *bunniahs* are making their fortunes, whilst the poor of the city are very nigh verging on starvation. If the Government mean to remove the calamity, which at present exists in Bengal, it should not be the means of creating a calamity in another province. Free trade is all very well, but Cobden's great idea was not carried out in the King's time, and grain, which was then selling at 120 lbs. per rupee, is at this day hardly procurable at 28. We consider it to be our duty to call the attention of the local Government to the subject in the hope that it will be remedied before it is too late. Certainly, Oudh is a grain market, but it must not be drained of its produce to the injury of its inhabitants."

THE ex King of Oudh, if it were possible for him to return to Lucknow, says the *Oudh Excelsior*, would hardly know the Kaiser-baugh under its present ornamentations, notwithstanding all the demolitions which have taken place. The glory of Rome may have gone, but the palace of the Indian Cæsar still exists. The talookdars meet daily in, what may be called, the Parliamentary Hall of Oudh. We believe that nothing will be wanting on their part to give Lord Northbrook a right regal reception. The resuscitation of the Coart of Arms of the old Kings of Oudh, as displayed in the series of arched gateways through the Kaiser-baugh, in all variety of colours in their oriental taste, show that every inclination exists on the part of not only the talookdars but the local authorities to convey to His Lordship some idea of what Lucknow once was. The Municipality likewise is not idle and is seeing that the several leading streets in the city are not neglected; upon the whole we hope that the reception of the Viceroy will be satisfactory to His Lordship.

THE *Madras Times* relates an occurrence, during Lord Horbart's recent visit to Trichinopoly, which, though in itself trifling, created a sensation at the moment and has since been a general subject of comment. On descending from the pavilion, in which His Excellency and Lady Hobart had been witnessing the entertainment provided for them by the native community at the Fort, just as his Lordship had reached the end of the passage leading into the street, a Mussulman muffled in a cloth rushed from the dense crowd of natives collected and stood before him, and at the same time, with a low salaam presented two limes and a paper evidently a petition. The suddenness of the man's action seemed to startle his Lordship, for a bye-stander is said to have declared that he saw Lord Hobart actually shrink back simultaneously with the dashing forward of the mysterious stranger, although his Lordship afterwards very graciously received from him the proffered limes and paper. Doubtless the melancholy fate of the late Viceroy and Chief Justice Norman were brought vividly to His Excellency's recollection, for the moment, and might well cause some sign of emotion.

WE learn from England that Major Crossman has patented a detachable horse-shoe, without the use of nails. This shoe first suggested itself to the patentee for use on thoroughbred horse during their training, for the purpose of removing the necessity of shoeing the animal before the foot has attained full growth—a practice which generally results in contraction of the heel and frog. It is firmly attachable to the foot, without nailing or any other fixed interference with the natural movements or healthy development of that important organ, the most frequent seat of lameness in horses shod in the ordinary manner. It is put on and taken off with the same facility as the easiest fitting boots or shoes used by human beings, and entirely prevents corns and over-reaching. The detachable horse-shoe is pre-eminently adapted for India, where the difficulty of obtaining a shoeing smith on long marches is great, and when found, his incompetency is often such, that it is a marvel if the animal escapes being lamed. Remounts from the stud, having to travel long distances, and this often on ill-made roads, the comfort and benefit to the animals, in having the shoes removed after each day's march, cannot but be self evident. It has had severe trials, viz.—on horses in their gallops; on hunters over fences and heavy ground; on harness horses taken indiscriminately from cabs; and it has been found, after each trial, that there was not the slightest movement or displacement of the shoe, provided it fitted. The shoe ought to be removed after work, to give ease to the foot; though its remaining on in no way injures the shoe. That part of the shoe which comes in contact with the ground is screwed to a steel plate, upon which the horse's foot rests; so, when the part is worn out, a new one, at a trifling expense, can be put on, by simply unscrewing the old worn out part, and adjusting the new one.

THE accounts of the Punjab Government show that the year 1871-72 opened with a cash balance of Rs. 18,55,478, made up of a special grant of Rs. 2,35,210 from Imperial Revenues to the Provincial Fund, and of Rs. 16,20,265, the aggregate balances of pre-existing funds. By the close of 1872-73 the balance had increased to Rs 35,88,809. If the figures of Municipal, Cantonment, and Police Funds be left out of consideration, and regard be had only to those funds more immediately under the control of the local Government, viz., the Provincial and General Local Funds, the cash balances in the two years under consideration will be found to have increased from 14¼ lakhs to 28¼ lakhs. The existence of so large a balance a Government resolution on the subject tells us, is not owing to any want of objects on which to spend the local income, but to two causes of a temporary character, both of which have been, or are being, removed, *viz.*, the insufficiency of the Public Works staff, owing to a large number of officers being withdrawn by the Government of India for exclusive employment on military works, and the imperfect organization of the new District Committees. As regards the former, the engineering staff is being strengthened, and as regards the latter, rules have been issued defining clearly the constitution, powers and duties of the Committees; and it is anticipated that by the close of 1874-75 the balance will be reduced to about 5 lakhs. The total expenditure on education during 1872-73, exclusive of municipal expenditure, amounted to upwards of 9 lakhs of rupees, or more than half a lakh in excess of that of the previous year. The increase is wholly in the charges against the General Local Fund, arising from increased demands on account of vernacular education out of the proceeds of the new cess. There was an increase of expenditure on *Public Works*, the total being 33¾ lakhs in 1872-73, against 27 lakhs in 1871-72. Of the total increase, about two-thirds were from the Provincial and one-third from the General Local Fund. The Local Fund income in 1872-73 from taxes, rates, and cesses was in round numbers made up as follows:—

Local Rates Cess	Rs.	14,23,300
Road Cess	,,	2,27,000
Educational Cess	,,	2,18,300
District Dak Cess	,,	53,800
Stage Carriage Fees	,,	400
Total Rs	,,	19,22,800

or nearly one lakh of rupees in excess of the income of the previous year,—the increase being entirely in the local rates collected under Act XX. of 1871. Even with this increase, the amount levied from agriculturists on account of the local rates and cesses falls at the rate of 3 annas per head only, and in return for these contributions they are provided with district roads, village schools, hospitals, dispensaries and other works and institutions calculated to promote the public health, comfort, and convenience.

MILITARY ITEMS.

THE 44th Regiment left Shillong for the Duffa frontier on the 26th instant.

THE Poona Horse have marched from Seeroor and were expected to arrive yesterday at Loonee. They will march direct to Chinchwud to the Camp of Exercise.

OFFICERS of the British Army in India, when applying for leave to England, are to make a declaration that they will sign their names in the arrival and departure book kept at the Brigade-Major's office in Bombay.

A DETACHMENT of the 8th Regt. M. N. I. consisting of 5 officers, 4 ladies, 82 children, 452 men, 298 women and 294 children, will leave Poona on Thursday morning by train, and arrive the same evening at Egutpoora.

A DETACHMENT of the 8th Regt. M. N. I., consisting of 2 officers, 2 ladies, 2 children, 162 men, 109 women, 108 children, 64 men, 40 women, and 37 children, will leave Poona to-morrow morning by train, and will arrive the same evening at Egutpoora.

THE following appointments on the Indian Staff will become vacant next year, owing to the expiration of the regular period of tenure of the present holders, viz., the Commander-in-Chief at Bombay, now held by the Hon. Sir A. A. Spencer K. C. B., August 27th; a Bombay division, vice Major-General Grant, C. B., December 30th; the Adjutant Generalship at the Head-Quarters, Colonel Thesiger, C. B., March 17th; four Brigade commands in Madras, Brigadier General W. G. Woods, C. S. I., August 26th; Brigadier General G. Selby, R.A., October 9th; Brigadier-General A. W. Macintyre, C. B., R. A., December 24th; and Brigadier General G. B. Shakespeare, R. A., on promotion.

AT a General Court Martial, assembled at Umballa, on the 24th October last, Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Michell, R.H.A., President, Private William Spiers, of the 72nd Highlanders, was arraigned on the following charge:—With insubordination, accompanied with personal violence, in having, at Umballa, on the 6th day of October last, when a prisoner in the orderly-room, before his Commanding Officer, Major W. H. J. Clarke, struck with his clenched fist Color Sergeant James Kelly, of the same regiment, using at the same time the following insubordinate language—"You are telling lies on me," or words to the same effect; the aforesaid Color Sergeant Kelly being then and there his superior officer, and being in the execution of his office. The Court found the prisoner guilty of the charge, and sentenced him to suffer penal servitude for the term of ten years, which sentence has been approved and confirmed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

ON the 20th instant the 8th Bengal Cavalry were tramping along the Roorkee road *en route* to the camp, as the head-quarters and greater part of the 8th ("King's")—600 in all—were marching on to the camp ground behind the cemetry, where they remained until the following morning, when they followed the native cavalry. On the 14th the Jat Horse and A-F (from Lucknow, *en route* to Meean Meer, ultimately) marched in. Both were expected to turn their steps Roorkeewards on the 25th instant, and I hear that the 15th Hussars' party will do the same. About the same time the 85th (between 300 and 400 only) began their march. On the 24th the A-C R. H. A. and B 8th R. A. marched out. It will apparently fall to the lot of Meerutites to witness the ingress and egress of most of the corps bound for Roorkee. The troops stationed here are comforting themselves with the idea that there will be no use for bell tents, as the campaign is expected to consist of a series of daily manœuvres within return distance of the standing camp.—*Meerut Correspondent of the Mofussilite.*

ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s.s. CHINA, Captain C. G. Perrins, sailed yesterday for Aden and Suez with the English mail and the following additional passengers:—

For Southampton—Mr. Dorling.
For Brindisi—Mr. R. M. Edwards, Mr. Pout, and Captain A. F. P. Harcourt.
For Venice—Captain Blair, R. E., and child, Mr. R. Ellis Mr. Webber, and Colonel Hume.
For Suez—Mr. Ross, and Mr. W. H. Tyrrell.

TURF NEWS AND CLUB GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, 7TH NOVEMBER.

"DOES it always rain here, my lad?" asked an English tourist of a Glasgow laddie. "Na, sur, it whiles snaws," was the reply. I can only describe the weather of the past fortnight as "beastly." We have been existing in an atmosphere of rain and true November fog, a state of being generating green mould in the joints and utter depression of spirits; everything is flat, stale, and unprofitable. If so in the West End, then what must it be in the City, with money at 10 per cent., stocks down to zero or below it, panic roaming down Lombard Street and pervading the Stock Exchange, and coals at 42s.? Would that we could transport some of our superabundant rain to the parched plains of famished Bengal, for the inhabitants of which much commisseration is felt, and for whose aid our purse-strings—not mine, for I don't possess such a thing—will be relaxed.

Colonel Keith Fraser, of the 1st Life Guards, and several of his officers, up before the "beaks," for being drunk and disorderly at the Argyll, and for assaulting the police in the execution of their duty! So we read the other day in the police sheets, and as there was a remand, not a few of us very naturally flocked to Marlborough Street to hear Mr. Knox dispose of this very interesting case, which, as Colonel Fraser stated from the dock, was life and death to him. It turned out to have been a gross and unprovoked attack on the part of the police, for it was very clearly demonstrated that neither the popular Colonel nor any of his officers had been guilty of any one of the crimes laid to their charge, but, on the contrary, had been subjected to gross personal treatment and abuse. Colonel Fraser throughout behaved with perfect temper, and stopped, what might have been a general attack on the "bobbies," by his example and positive orders. Of course Mr. Knox regretted that these gentlemen should frequent such a place of resort as the Windmill Street Saloon, but many of us do worse and are not found out. Mr. Bob Bignell, in spite of his many protestations of regret and apologies, will find his occupation gone if gentlemen frequenting the Argyll are to be assaulted, dragged off to the lock-up, and subjected to a stand in the dock at the caprice of a few ruffianly policemen. The numbers of these guardians of the peace are in the hands of certain stalwart troopers of the Household Brigade and picked professors of the noble art, who, when least expected, will to a certainty give them a receipt in full in their own coin. But the Argyll and every other house of amusement of that class must go down before Messrs. Spiers and Bond's new "Criterion," which is to be opened on Monday, and is without exception the most spacious and ornate *palace* of that sort in existence.

After a successful raid amongst the dealers in obscene prints and photographs in Wych Street, the Society for the Suppression of Vice has turned its steps eastward and westward, but with less profit, for, in the cases of well known dealers in Cockspur Street and Chancery Lane, both defendants were discharged as not having offended in any way against the public morals. Mr. Serjeant Cox, in discharging the respectable West End tradesman whose good name has been so mercilessly hauled through the mire, expressed himself perfectly satisfied with his explanations and poured oil and balm on his wounded feelings by assuring him that he left the Court without a stain on his character. The question is—what is an indecent print or photograph? Is Ada Menckin in tights or Madame Wharton as Lady Godiva less indecent than some of the *chef d'œuvres* adorning the walls of our public galleries? Are we never to see the nude form divine excepting in oils or *pura naturalibus*? Sick as I am of seeing shop windows garnished with silly inartistic photographs of actresses and ballet girls of no beauty or no e whatever in the *decolletés* state the Lord Chamberlain permits them to act in, still I cannot see how the public taste is to be depraved by them. The Assistant Judge very sensibly remarked that among the photographs seized by this virtuous Society, none differed in character from those which might be seen in the albums of every drawing-room of the "upper ten thousand," and that he had seen much worse things among the *élité* of female fashion in the *soirées* of society. I think it was Talyrand who remarked of a beauty famed for her *decolletée* toilet, that he disliked that great expanse of back which extended from the neck down to that portion of the body where in the mermaid the woman ended and the fish began. In the same vein Mr. Cox remarked—"It is difficult to make decency or indecency a question of inches, or to determine how low a dress might be worn without falling into the clutches of the Society for the Suppresion of Vice." The *Telegraph* of to-day remarks of these tenth rates *cartes de visite*, "they belong to the lowest type of low art; still the sale of mere examples of vulgarity and bad taste should not be sufficient to put the vendor at the peril of the treadmill." So let us hope we shall have fewer of these trashy productions in future.

Next week we may look for despatches from Sir Garnet Wolseley, which will determine the conduct of the Ashantee campaign. After a fortnight's residence at Cape Coast he will have been able to come to some conclusion as to the prosecution of the war. Here everything is in readiness to despatch the 2nd Battalion of the 23rd R. W. Fusiliers and the Rifle Brigade, also the 1st or 7th batteries of the 17th Garrison Brigade, to man the 7-pounder mountain guns and the Rocket Brigade. The grey tweed clothing is at the Army Clothing Depot, Pimlico, ready packed in bales for shipment. Excellent accounts of this peculiar dress have been received from Cape Coast Castle, and it has been strongly recommended for service in India. The despatch of the Artillery has only lately been decided upon, as it would be useless to put rifled steel guns and Hale's rockets in the hands of untrained native levies to whom will be confided the bronze howitzers of which a battery must by this time have arrived. In a speech on Ashantee made last night at Liverpool, Mr. Jas. Irvine, F.R.G.S., for some years a resident on the Gold Coast, we have a golden account of the country. He remarked that

The population of Coomassie, the capital, is variously estimated at from 15,000 to 200,000; the best authorities, however, placing it at 100,000, and in the same manner the entire population of the kingdom of Ashantee proper is calculated at 1,000,000, and with the various tributary kingdoms, at 3,00 ,000. "If we include the maritime population from Appoloma to the Volta, the entire number cannot be less than four or five millions. This, however, must only be regarded as an approximation to the true result." The country is rich in almost every tropical product, but it is famous, above all, for the quantity of its gold. To this region we owe the name for the coin of 21s., the guinea of the Georges. The gold is procured in the roughest way, by washing and digging. "The soil everywhere in Ashantee seems to be impregnated with it, and large quantities are procured from the sand even of the streets of Coomassie." Bowdich relates that on one of the days appointed by the King for the chiefs and people to make a public exhibition of their gold ornaments, he estimated the quantity on the person of one chief near him at about 30,000 dollars, and it is a common saying that if you pull up a taft of grass gold is found hanging at the roots. All this wealth would be thrown open to the world, while the Ashantees themselves would receive incalculable good, if the English Government would exercise the very least of the vast amount of power and influence they already possess there in one well-sustained effort to maintain order, and to develop the great resources that meantime are locked up by a barbarous, war-loving race. With Sir Garnet Wolseley—whose splendid conduct in the Red River expedition assures us of success—at the head of this, we have nothing to fear. We are also well off in having a man like Captain Glover in command of an independent contingent at Accra and on the Volta. Captain Glover has had more experience than any man living of the African, and of governing the Africans, and I anticipate very great things from his experience and his daring. Anything he does will be done well. Much has been made of the unhealthiness of the climate, and unquestionably herein lies our only difficulty. It is an unhealthy climate, perhaps the worst on the face of the globe, but yet it has been exaggerated. Given prudence, a good commissariat, and plenty of work to do, a victory over malaria is already won.

The loot at Coomassie, therefore, will be richer than that of Lucknow, and Ashantee may yet come to the rescue of the Old Woman of Threadneedle Street.

Yesterday Sir Albert D. Sassoon, who is described as "a distinguished Indian merchant and philanthropist," was presented with the freedom of the city in a box valued at 100 guineas, and was declared to be a "man of good name and fame, that he does not desire the freedom of this City whereby to defraud the Queen or the State of any of their rights, customs, or advantages, and that he will pay his scot and bear his tot." Sir Seymour FitzGerald was there to represent Bombay. Sir Albert is the first subject of the Indian Empire who has received the honorary freedom of the City, and of course was overwhelmed with the honour done him. Sir Sidney Waterlow has made his last speech as Lord Mayor, and on Monday dies an official death. London has seen few such princely and efficient chief magistrates, and leaves office popular with all.

The general opinion as to the Bazaine trial has veered round, and is now in favour of the accused Marshal. Several of the jury on the Tichborne trial are suffering from the effects of prolonged confinements in the almost pestilential air of the court. It is stated that if Lue's evidence be not rebutted, the Claimant must be acquitted. In the meantime one who took a leacing part in the case has quitted this scene, for Sir Wm. Bovill was buried yesterday in Kensington Cemetery, much regretted.

A Liverpool autumn meeting, run off in a deluge of rain and over a course under water, has been remarkable for two facts, the last victory of Prince Charlie, the great miler of modern times, who carrying 10-6 cantered away through a sea of mud and water from the speedy Oronian—doing the 5 furlongs in 1-5 and never being even extended—and now retires to the stud; and the fact that Kingcraft has at last won another race. In spite of very inclement weather, such as might be expected off the Horn, he meeting has been an unusually good one and the field exceptionally large. Admiral Rous's greatest horse of the century "Stirling" has won the Liverpool Cup, and "Louise Victoria," own sister to the winner of the Derby, 1874, has run second. "King Lud," the winner of the Cesarewitch, was a good third, and has therefore run up to his public form. The Flat Race season is now finished. I am very unwell, and you must excuse a short letter by this mail.

Oft have I, out pig-sticking and on the march away from the bot of *nalbunds*, dropped a shoe and followed my limping horse, coss after coss, with feelings best to be imagined. If I described them I might descend to bad language. Others, who love a horse, have been in similar plight. An old Indian officer has come to the rescue, and he who ventures after hog or on the line of march, without having "Crossman's patent horse shoe" at his saddle's D, will have but himself to blame for a long hot weary trudge after a limping quadruped. The shoe requires no nails, and is put on and taken off with the same facility as the easiest fitting boots you or any of my friends possess, and entirely prevents corns or over-reaching. It has passed severe tests: on horses in their gallops; on hunters over fences and through deep holding ground; and on the "ard igh road," yet not the slightest movement or displacement takes place. If the foot be tender, it can, by merely releasing a strap, be removed after the day's work is over. This *detachable horse shoe* is pre-eminently adapted for India, and I have no hesitation in pronouncing it an invention, and one well worthy the attention of every horse owner reading your paper. I send you particulars of this shoe to show, and the price in Bombay will be Rs. 8 each made of the best steel.

NEWS-LETTERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

HYDERABAD (SIND), 26TH NOV.

THE detachment of H. M.'s 66th, which off and on has been stationed here for four years, left us this morning for Kurrachee and Poona, the band of the gallant 2nd Beeloochies playing the men down to the Giddoo Bunder, where all that *are left behind* in Hyderabad assembled to bid good-bye to the corps. The men of the detachment have always been very quiet and well-behaved, and the officers made many friends during their sojourn amongst us.

We are now expecting the Pompadours (why they should take the name of that queen of the *demi monde* I never could learn), and if all we hear is true Hydrabad will have an unusual access of beauty and fashion. Well, the more the merrier!

Just now the station is almost empty, as our birds of passage (the district folks) are picnicking all over the collectorates. The Giddoo Bunder of an evening is quite deserted, the "Tree" has to dojall the whispering itself, and the Persian wheels on the banks of the 'Fulailee" no longer have an audience to listen to their monotonous music.

Letters from England bring the alarming news that poor Major Tyrwhitt, whilom of Thurr and Parkur, and also of Dilpasant Bagh, Hydrabad, has ended his career, as a bachelor, and intends returning soon with his bride.

Many will be the changes in our collectorate within the next six months. Colonel Philipps leaves in March next for Europe, and Major Boulton, our First Assistant Collector, is likely also to bid a lasting farewell to Sind, while Judge Philpotts, to the sincere regret of all light-fantastic toes, will have to go back to that nice and warm little hole, Shikarpoor. Further, our policeman, who seems in a chronic state of "about to be transferred" is said to be packing his kit for the Panch Mahals, or heaven knows where. I see it advocated that Sind be transferred to the Punjab, and I can answer for a great many that the change would be hailed with delight by all pucka Sindians. Here we stick in an abominable corner of our mighty empire and without a chance of a change away from sand, dust, and heat; were Sind annexed to the Punjab a man might then hope for something better than vegetating between muggy Kurrachee, boiling Hyderabad, and roasting Shikarpoor.

The gallant Beeloochees under command of Major Nicholetts are going to have a Camp of Exercise all their own next month; they will make a long march of three weeks' duration in the Tanda Division to pick up recruits; this of course if H. E. the Commander-in-Chief does not once in a way keep his promise of inspecting Sind. I hope he won't, because I have half-a-dozen champagnes on it, and betting is very brisk indeed as to his coming or not. One poor soul with a grievance, and a wish that he would, has counted all the buttons on all his garments and confides to me that the result of it was—16 he will against 17 he won't." Luckless young man, he is in despair indeed, for he has unlimited faith in his buttons.

Sir William Merewether's camels have started for Khusmoor, and he himself will soon proceed by river to Sukkur Bukkur, there to await His Excellency of Bombay.

It is said that the Khan of Khelat has a cold in the nose, which our local politicians interpret as the forerunner of mighty events.

Caravans with fruit and other Cabul goods have passed through. The apples are dearer but not so good as in former years, but the dealers are just as dirty.

COCHIN, 26TH NOVEMBER.

SINCE my last communication to you times have been very uneventful. His Highness the Rajah has returned from Bhowanny; but there has been nothing sensational to afford pabulum to a newspaper correspondent till the arrival of Mr. Ballard, the British Resident at the capital of the Cochin State, after an absence of some twelve months, which has revived the discussion of some long-standing and important questions of State and some stately hospitalities to which we have for long been strangers.

Giving the precedence to political questions, I may mention that first and foremost Mr. Ballard's attention was drawn to the utter barrenness of Public Works operations in this State under the present Chief Engineer. He has taken the subject in hand with a vigour and energy that forebodes much good if a reconstruction of the P. W. Department could be possibly attained. The public, however, are dubious whether the present trammels imposed upon the Sirkar by occult influences and interests can be altogether cut away by a native Government that lacks the moral energy to hold its own against such insidious forces. Mr. Ballard, however, has offered some very admirable suggestions for public improvement, and it will not be his fault if the hitherto unadorned capital of native Cochin is not transformed from a filthy region to the very pink of mofussil towns. Roads are proposed to be opened out in every direction—the streets are are to be widened so as to admit of carriages passing each other, and to diminish the risk of pedestrians being run over. The Civil Engineer to the Sirkar is to submit annually a budget estimate of the works proposed to be undertaken in the course of the forthcoming year and of the funds required for their execution. This last item will rather surprise engineers of the Bombay Presidency, to whom the absence of a budget of this kind will be a novel spectacle. But in this latitude, we have to be thankful for the smallest mercies, and the suggestion of the Resident will not pass unappreciated.

These are not the only benefits that have accrued from Mr. Ballard's visit to Cochin. His political action in a wise and beneficial way has been taken in a great many instances that have not yet transpired. It is felt, however, in a few that I shall mention here. There were three convicts in the Trichore jail afflicted with that loathsome disease, leprosy. On an examination of each particular case it was found that one man, who was under sentence of life imprisonment, suffered nearly 25 years of his punishment; that another who was sentenced for eighteen years passed fifteen of them in penal servitude; and that the other convict, who had been sentenced for ten years had expiated his crime by nine years' servitude. Mr. Ballard considered that these cases were deserving of the clemency of His Highness the Rajah, and I am glad to say that at his suggestion His Highness has been pleased to exercise his prerogative of granting the prisoners a free pardon.

A great nuisance that has hitherto prevailed is the existence along the river face of the Cochin capital, Ernacollum, of a long row of fishing huts where the occupation of drying and curing fish is carried on during the greater part of the year. The highroad and principal thorough fare of the town, running through this locality, is entirely barred for purposes of recreation, and I need hardly dwell upon the inconveniences experienced by the better part of the community, who are forced to traverse this thronged highway, reeking with the effluvia arising from putrid or putrescent matter exposed to the sun's rays. This evil has been a standing one within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, and I think antique notions will be strangely disturbed by the proposition of Mr. Ballard that the Cochin Government should purchase out all these quarters and establish them elsewhere on land to be obtained from the proprietors on reasonable compensation.

The Cochin Sirkar has appointed a local committee, composed of the Dewan Peishcar, the First Judge of the Trichore Zillah, Mr. Macdonald, Chief Engineer, and Mr. Stevenson, Conservator of Forests, to collect specimens of the staple productions of this country for the Madras Agricultural Exhibition of 1874. The Sirkar was represented at the Calicut Exhibition of 1867, and many of the objects exhibited obtained prizes. I am certain that the specimens of woods for building and ornamental purposes to be sent from here will be highly prized and obtain substantial recognition.

The only other item of news worthy to obtain a place in your columns is the gift of a Government promissory note of Rs. 500 by Mr. A. C. Burnell, of the Madras Civil Service, who has been so greatly distinguished as a Sanskrit scholar and in other literary researches, to the Sirkar District School at Muttenchery for the especial benefit of the youths belonging to the colony of white Jews that forms a prominent feature in Cochin, in both its historical and geographical aspects.

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BOMBAY.

WE would remind our readers that Mr. and Mrs. G. Case give their second entertainment at Grant Road Theatre this evening, when a new programme will be presented. There will only, we believe, be three more entertainments given after this evening, as Mr. and Mrs. Case must hurry off to keep their engagement in Australia, and for each entertainment there will be a new programme.

MR. JUSTICE GIBBS, we understand, will leave by next mail steamer on three months' leave to England.

EDUCATIONAL.—All the Educational establishments at Kaira were examined the week before last by the Educational authorities.

INQUEST.—On Saturday Dr. Hewlett held an inquest on the body of one Dhackoo Luxmon. The jury came to the conclusion that death was caused by the rupture of a blood vessel.

THE INCENDIARISM AT NERIAD.—A mofussil paper states that the culprit who has been arrested for burning three or four Government schools at Neriad has confessed his crime.

MOFUSSIL SMALL CAUSES COURTS.—The *Surya Prakash* learns from a reliable source that with the exception of the Courts at Surat and Ahmedabad all the Courts of Small Causes in the mofussil are to be abolished.

THEFT.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, Mr. Nana Morojee sentenced one Hassun Abba, a carpenter, to three months' rigorous imprisonment, for stealing from the person of a child a silver neck ornament.

DANGER OF LOADING CHILDREN WITH ORNAMENTS.—A Maratha named Mahadoo Succaram reported to the police on Saturday that certain ornaments were stolen from the person of his child whilst at a wedding procession.

FIRE AT KAIRA.—A serious fire broke out last week in the Matur talooka, of the Kaira collectorate, in which a large dhurumsballa and three houses adjoining it were destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known.

THE CHARGE OF BRIBERY AGAINST THE THANDAR OF DHUNDOOKA.—We learn from one of the Ahmedabad papers that the charge of bribery pending against the Thandar of Dhundooka had been dismissed for want of sufficient evidence.

THE CASE AGAINST THE SOONHA OF NOWSAREE.—This case is still pending before Mr. Ollivant, full-power magistrate of Surat. A number of witnesses for the prosecution have been examined, and the case stands adjourned for the defence.

THE BOMBAY FEMALE NORMAL SCHOOL.—The Bombay Female Normal School, which was some time ago amalgamated with the Alexandra Native Girls' English Institution, is, says the *Bombay Sammachar*, to be abolished from 1st March 1874.

ASSAULT.—A man named Purbhoo Thackersee, a domestic servant, was yesterday charged before Mr. Nana Morojee with assaulting one Bapoo Gungajee. He was adjudged guilty and fined Rs. 20, of which Re. 10 is to be given to the complainant.

THEFT IN A MOSQUE.—A Mahomedan named Hoosain Meera reported to the police the loss of a silver watch, alleged to have been stolen from the pocket of his coat, which he had placed on one side of the door in a Musjid at Bhendy Bazaar on Sunday, whilst he was engaged in prayer.

OLD OFFENDERS.—Yesterday at the Fort Police Court, two Hindoos, named Mosoo Mofaree and Yela Mofaree, old offenders, were convicted by Mr. Nana Morojee of stealing a fowl belonging to one Framjee Dhunjeebhoy. The first was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment, and the latter, being of tender age, was sentenced to receive six stripes.

THE BARODA COMMISSION.—The *Jam-i-Jamshed* says H. H. Mulharao considers that the sole power for the appointment of a Commission in any independent Native State rests with the Secretary of State, and not with the Government of India. The Maharaja therefore does not recognize the legality of the present Commission.

THE MURDER OF A MARWAREE AT LEELAPORE.—It will be remembered that about a fortnight ago, a Marwaree money-lender, residing at Leelapore, near Bulsar, was murdered by some culprits for the sake of his ornaments. We learn from one of the Surat papers that the perpetrators of the crime have not yet been arrested. It is suspected that the man was murdered by some person or persons to whom he had advanced money. The District Police Superintendent of Surat is making strict inquiries into the matter.

WEDNESDAY (to-morrow), being the day appointed for general intercession, throughout the world, by the Anglican Communion, on behalf of Missions, there will be celebration of the Holy Eucharist at all the Churches at 7-30 A. M., and at the Cathedral there will also be evening service at 6 P.M., at which the amalgamated choirs will assist. It is hoped that all who are interested in the success of Missions will attend. The offertory will be divided between the Church Missionary Society and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

THERE is some chance now of securing a water supply for Kurrachee. Colonel Merriman's scheme for supplying water from the Mulleer at the cost of fifteen lacs of rupees is one that has been approved of and sanctioned, a masonry aqueduct being substituted for iron pipes, as recommended by Mr. Price, the Superintendent of the Harbour Works. The Municipal Reserve Fund, amounting to about one lac and forty-three thousand rupees, together with any sums that may hereafter accrue to it, will be appropriated towards the carrying out of the work. Government will be asked to lend the Municipality the balance required, amounting to about thirteen lacs of rupees.—*Sindian.*

WE find that we were rather premature in our announcement of the contemplated removal of the office of the Deputy Controller of the Indus Valley State Railway to Kurrachee. There is nothing officially known on the subject at Mooltan. An application was made by the late Captain Wood for the removal of the office, but the application was negatived by Government. If the Controller's and Chief Engineer's offices are to be at either extreme end of the line, it would be more advisable to have them in Kurrachee than at Mooltan, for several reasons. The Chief Engineer's presence in Kurrachee would facilitate the landing of the stores from England, the construction of rolling-stock and machinery, which are being made at the Sind Railway workshops, &c. &c.—*Ibid.*

WE glean the following items of news from the *Sindian* of the 26th ultimo:—"The survey of the town and station has been determined on by the Municipal Commissioners, at a cost of Rs. 5,000, under the supervision of Colonel Francis, and is expected to occupy twelve months. The municipal duty on cotton will in future be one anna per maund in lieu of four annas per bale. Fever cases are very prevalent in the station at present, and the weather, although bracing enough in the mornings, is far from being healthy. The District Judge will leave by this morning's train for Kotree, whence he will proceed to Schwan, for the purpose of holding sessions there. The Commissioner in Sind will leave by this morning's train for Kotree, whence he will proceed as far as Jacobabad. The Judicial Commissioner in Sind was at Kotree on the 24th. We believe he will proceed up this morning. It is in contemplation to effect a reduction in the Kurrachee police force from the 1st January next, and the Superintendent of Police has been requested by the Municipality to report to what extent reduction can be made."

THE Bombay correspondent of the *Pioneer* says—"It will be a pity if the complaints are confined to the case of the Behar, for a general acceleration of the Bombay mail service is the point to insist upon. There can be little doubt that we are very scurvily used 'here in India,' compared with other regions, and that we are four or five days further from home than there is any need for. This ought to interest many more Anglo-Indians than those who sit at Bombay with their toes in the tide, and watch the tardy tubs arrive. 'J. M. M.,' of the *Bombay Gazette* (whom we are very glad to welcome back to Bombay), believes that the P. and O. directors are too prudent not to yield to the pressure of a strongly-pronounced public opinion; and if the Anglo-Indian community would combine and agitate, some good might result. I suspect the Indian Governments would be well pleased to have some spontaneous expression of the popular mind to back their official remonstrances withal. The Bombay service should at least be thoroughly reorganised, and it is in the interest of all who are in postal communication with England, or who pass through this port on their way home, to agitate that the passage from Bombay to Suez should be made, as it easily might be, more cheaply and expeditiously. I confess I have no very sanguine expectation that the Post Office people in England, or the P. and O. Company, will in the least hurry themselves. The *quis separabis* are backed by their contract, to which they mean to stick if they can; they are influential in places where it is one of the scandals of politics that influences of any kind should affect the public welfare or convenience; they are 'always at it'—a great point, when we consider how fitful and intermittent the strongest Anglo-Indian agitation must be, and it is also such a very respectable organization—so beastly respectable, I was about to write—but without indulging in vulgar colloquialisms one cannot help acknowledging a certain irritating and provoking quality of Philistine, ultra-Britannic respectability that, as one may conclude from the great men around us, is a guarantee of continued success. CARDS are out for a fancy ball on the 28th proximo, which is to be very brilliant and pleasant. Chintzes, cretonnes, and muddias are recommended as materials, but nothing, save uniforms and ordinary costume, is forbidden. Are we not just a little too proper in this country for this kind of diversion? Or is there an undercurrent of animal spirits that finds a wholesome vent in this amusement?"—*Pioneer.*

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE SCHOONER MAHI, 110 tons, Nacoda, will sail to-day for Cochin and Colombo with a general cargo.

THE SHIP WIMBLEDON, 1496 tons, Captain W. Christie, arrived in harbour yesterday from Rangoon (October 11th) with a cargo of timber. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Wallace and Co.

THE S.S. OORUN, 162 tons, Nacoda, arrived in harbour on the 29th ultimo from Coast and Cutch with one bundle of specie, and the following passengers:—Mr. W. Phillip, and one hundred and forty-eight deck passengers.

THE S.S. STRATHCLYDE, 1254 tons, Captain C. W. Pears, sailed yesterday for Liverpool, via the Canal, with the following passengers:—Dr. and Mrs. Beake and three children, Miss Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Lord, and Mr. Sharp.

THE SHIP SHAHPORE, 1,495 tons, Captain W. G. Lehon, will sail to-day for Liverpool with a cargo of 2,683 bales cotton, 52 bales wool

THE ST. ANDREW'S MEDAL.

THE undersigned has much pleasure in announcing that the St. Andrew's Medal was won this year by R. Murray, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Club. A handicap, the winner of which was promised a cup of chaste golphic design, attracted a larger number of players to the Maidan on the mornings of the 28th and 29th ultimo than ever before assembled as a medal day in Bombay. The course was four times round the links, or 32 holes. The players were handicapped as nearly as possible on their merits, and it was agreed beforehand that the winner of the medal should have his allowance of strokes taken away in reckoning up his score for the handicap.

The result of the play did not answer the expectation of the majority. The winner played better than his average, and all the rest considerably below theirs. Fortune and her attendant imps, whoever they may be (some relations of Bacchus probably) were especially spiteful to those who started with 32 and 40 strokes in their favour. Jones by coming in second for the medal, won a set of clubs and was also the fortunate winner of the handicap cup.

At a general meeting of the Club, held later in the day, specially convened without notice, were present R. Murray in the chair, who after congratulating the winner in a neat speech gracefully presented himself with the St. Anerew's medal and drank off a toast and water (sic) to the pious memory of St. Andrew :—

R. Murray, Esq. ..... 151 Winner of St. Andrew's Medal.
H. W. Jones, Esq. ..... 154 ,, Cup and a set of clubs.
C. A. W. Cameron, Esq ..... 155 ,, A dozen golf balls.
Dr. D. Macdonald, Esq 157
W. F. McIvin, Esq. 168
R. Scott Elliot, Esq 170
D. Finlayson, Esq 171
G. W. Mountjie, Esq. 172
W. J. Ker, Esq 176
J. Hay, Esq ..... [redacted] Winner of the Wooden Spoon.

WHITE HEATHER.

CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST BY A CASHIER.

THE other day, Mr. William Gordon, Manager of the British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, appeared before the Senior Magistrate and laid the following information :—"I know one Babool Ambernath, who resides at Kalbadevi road, opposite Moroba Pupuljee's cart. He has been for many years past in the employ of the said company as cashier, and as such cashier his duty was to collect, receive, and account for to the company all monies from time to time becoming due to them. I am informed that on the 28th and 29th May last, the said Babool Ambernath received on account of the said company, in addition to the sum of Rs. 4,018-0-5, appearing in his books to have been received on the latter day, a further sum of Rs. 3,234, for which he has not in any way accounted to the company; and I charge the said Babool with criminal breach of trust under section 408 of the Indian Penal Code, and pray that a warrant may be issued for his apprehension, and that he may be further dealt with according to law."

A warrant was granted accordingly, and on the case being called for hearing on Saturday, Dr. Sidney Smith appeared before the magistrate and stated upon oath that the prisoner had been under his treatment for more than a month. He has been suffering from remittent fever associated with occasional delirium, and that in his opinion it might endanger his life were he to leave his bed.

On the foregoing grounds the Magistrate postponed the hearing of the case till the 16th instant; and admitted the prisoner to bail in his own recognizance in the sum of Rs. 10,000, and two sureties of Rs. 5,000 each.

HIGH COURT.—2ND DECEMBER.

(Before the Hon. Sir CHARLES SARGENT, KNIGHT.)

LONG CAUSES.

194-72—Khunderao—Bapoojee Morojee v Nuseerwanjee Ardaseer Wadia—Rimington, Hore and Langley.
675-72—Prescot and Winter—Cursetjee Nusserwanjee Cama and others v Bapoojee Morojee—Khunderao
635-72—G. J. Mosly—Narayen Grushna Laud and others v Jetha Raya and others—Khunderao.
295-72—Leathes, Crawford and Bowrey—Nowrojee Shapoorjee O. v Roychund Deepchund—Macfarlane and Skipsey.
656-72—Prescot and Winter—The Colaba Company, Ld., v The Colaba Press Company, Ld.—Craigie, Lynch and Owen.
547-72—Chalk and Turner—Dowjee Ramjee v Thacker Morarjee—Tyabjee and Sayani.
676-72—Shapoorjee and Thacurdas—Sricum Vandravun v Rukhmtoolla Cudurbhoy—Jefferson and Payne.
533-72—Pestonjee Dinshaw—Shungaree v Hunsea Puma—Jefferson and Payne.
752-72—Sewlun Dhunoolahal v Rattonchund Oomedmull—Khunderao Morojee.
19 73—Tyabjee and Sayani—Jayshunker Jugeshwer v Dewshunker Ramchunder—Rimington, Hore, and Langley.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE BAYLEY.)

LONG CAUSES.

261-73—Rimington, Hore and Langley—Goculdas Madhowjee v Abdoolla Radabhoy—J C Cama.
819-71—Jefferson and Payne—Luxumibaee widow v Premjee Issur and others—Umardhun.
606-72—Ardaseer Framjee—Rustomjee Sorabjee v Nusserwanjee Maneckjee and others—Dallas and Lynch.
698-72—Hearn Cleveland and Peile—Mankuwarbai widow v Pestonjee Dinsha and others—Shapoorjee and Thacurdass and Dallas and Lynch.
699-72—Hearn Cleveland and Peile—Mankuwarbai widow v Pestonjee Dinsha and others—Shapoorjee and Thacurdass and Tyabjee and Sayani.

[Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE MARRIOTT.]

SHORT CAUSES.

749-69—Monisty and Fletcher—Aga Hajee Mahomed, &c., v Vasoojee Ranchordas—No appearance.
261-72—Rimington, Hore and Langley—Esmael Salleman and another v Looftally Noordin and others—No appearance.
263-73—In person—Abdool Hoosein Hubtoola v Cursondas Assuram—No appearance.
738-73—Jefferson and Payne—TullockchundHoocumchund v Lala Jaidayal—No appearance.
741-73—Tyabjee and Sayani—Maganbhoy Hemchund v Shamcharlall Pranlall and another—No appearance.
744-73—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Hajee S Hay Mahomed, &c. v Purshotum Eduljee—No appearance.
756-73—Rimington, Hore and Langley—Sir Charles Forbes and others v Mariambai, widow, and others—No appearance.
755-73—Shapoorjee and Thacurdas—Pallonjee Pestonjee Jan v Cawasjee Manekjee M —No appearance.
635-73—Jefferson and Payne—Moja Jupa v Purshotum Damodhur and others—No appearance.

LONG CAUSES.

48-73—Leathes, Crawford and Bowrey—Hormusjee Pestonjee Framjee v Ferdinand Fisher—Chalk and Turner.—Part heard.
186-73—Leathes Crawford and Bowrey—Hormusjee Pestonjee Framjee v Ferdinand Fisher—In person.—Part heard.
783-71—Jefferson and Payne—Waljeebhoy Khaigar and others v Peerbhoy Essabjee and another—M H Khan.
773-71—Hoare—Soccaram Hoolajee v Shaik Ally Vullud &c.—G J Mosly.
651-72—Chalk and Turner—Abhajee Babbonjee and another v Hunnabai—Macfarlane and Skipsey.
717-72—Dallas and Lynch—Mahomed Yoosoof Naden v Ally Abdoolla—Jefferson and Payne.
522 72—Hearn, Cleveland and Peile—Laljee Jewram v Haji Sooliman H and others—Tyabjee and Sayant.

ECCLESIASTICAL SIDE.

In the matter of the alleged last will and testament a Chahildas Hucam, deceased—Hurjeevan Petamber—M H Khan v Rukhmanibai, widow—Remington, Hore and Langley—Part heard.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PINHEY.)

SHORT CAUSES.

624-73—Shapurjee and Thacurdas—Rattonsey Laljee v Khemjee Soonderjee and others.
677-73—Jefferson and Payne—Cassum Mitha v Ali Mahomed bin Ahmed and others—No appearance.
694-73—Dallas and Lynch—The L. B. and M. Bank, Limited v Hajee Ally Mahomed—No appearance.
737-73—Shapurjee and Thacurdass—Rustomjee Ardaser v Dhunjeebhoy Pallonjee—Rimington, Hore and Langley.
739-73—In Person—Merwanjee Uslajee v Madhowrao Krustnarao—No appearance.
742-73—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Kessowjee Toolseedas and another v A. C. Brice, Junior—No appearance.
746-73—Chalk and Turner—Jaithanund Chailaram v Mirzabai, widow and anothers—No appearance.
253-73—Hearn, Cleveland and Peile—Thucker Nensey H. and another v Thucker Soonderdass D.—No appearance.

LONG CAUSES.

427-70—Tyabjee and Sayani—Cumroodeen Hydcrally and Co v Hassumbhoy Thavur and Co—F Cawasjee.
384-71—Hearn Cleveland and Peile—Trimbuck Ramchunder v Dulcharam Daveechund—Dallas and Lynch.
380-71—Hearn Cleveland and Piele—Trimbuck Ramchunder v Dulcharam Daveechund—Dallas and Lynch.
381-71—Hearn Cleveland and Pëile—Trimbuck Ramchunder v Sha Jaithabhoy Luckmichund—Dallas and Lynch.
71-72—Shapurjee and Thacurdass—Gocolbhoy Fatechund v Ambaram Kewulram—Tyabjee and Sayani and M M Munshi.
643-70—Manesty and Fletcher—Pestonjee Jamsetjee and others v Heerabai widow—Macfarlane and Skepsey.

INDIAN ITEMS.

THE PRINCESS OF TANJORE.— We hear that it was the intention of Rajah Sukeram Sahib to give their Excellencies Lord and Lady Hobart a grand ball and supper, but that the short visit of the Governor to Tanjore did not admit of such an arrangement being carried out. The omission of the Princess of Tanjore to call upon Lady Hobart in the first instance, we are informed, was attributable to Her Highness's ignorance of English etiquette, and not to any wilful or premeditated disrespect.—*Madras Mail.*

BURGLARY.—A daring burglary was committed last Sunday night in the house of one Mr. J. A. Gregory, a Government pensioner, residing at Bailygunge. Two *molees*, servants of the above gentleman, stole into his bed-room, and managed to carry away a wooden box, containing money, in currency notes and cash, to the amount of Rs. 1,100. On information being sent to the police, Inspector Oomesh Chunder Doss, of the Ballygunge Thannah, succeeded in tracing the delinquents some twenty-four miles out of Calcutta, and also in recovering from them all the money, which was found tied round their waists. The thieves were tried yesterday at the Sealdah Court before Cowar Harendra Krishna, Roy Bahadoor, and three Honorary Magistrates, and were, on conviction, sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment each.—*Indian Daily News*, Dec. 29.

SOME PARLIAMENTARY ERRORS ON INDIAN FINANCE.

INDIAN administrators must sometimes read parliamentary Indian debates with a feeling verging on despair. The ambition of both sides in such discussions seems to be to make out a case; while the object of Indian governers is to accurately state the facts. But between the House of Commons and the truth about any Indian subject a great gulf seems to be fixed. If there is any topic touching which the realities should be by this time before Parliament, it is Indian Finance. Yet on this point Mr. Grant Duff and Mr. Fawcett utter and receive the most glaring misstatements with equal complacency. It may perhaps be urged that it is a rule of the game in Indian debates that you should not too narrowly inquire into your opponent's figures. Such a rule has its advantages. But considering the extent of English interests in India, and the amount of English capital invested in Indian railways and funds, there is a certain possibility of gain in occasionally arriving at the truth. With regard to the one Indian subject which has of late years been studied with any attempt at completeness, the most extraordinary delusions prevail. A chronic Parliamentary Committee has been sitting to take evidence on the Indian finances, and an Indian Budget is yearly introduced, although rather cryptically, before the House. Nevertheless, it is not too much to say that erroneous statements, any one of which would swamp an English Chancellor of the Exchequer, are complacently made and silently received with regard to the Indian revenues by Parliament.

Perhaps the most important, because the most dangerous, is the parliamentary conception of the Indian cash balance. This balance stood at the end of the financial year of 1872 at £24,818,807, or nearly twenty-five millions sterling. It varies from time to time, but the Indian financiers like to keep it at not less than nineteen or twenty millions. Mr. Fawcett and his friends consider this a very wasteful reserve. It is as if a capitalist were ostentatiously to maintain an enormous balance at his bankers, and at the same time to be borrowing largely at 4½ per cent. Indeed, some of the questions put by the Indian Finance Committee imply that a certain portion of this reserve is in reality borrowed money upon which the Indian Government pay a rather high interest, while it lies unproductive in the Government treasuries.

The facts about the Indian cash balances are briefly as follows: The Indian Government is a great banking concern. It receives large sums by way of "Revenue and Judicial Deposits" from the public, and it is also employed to keep the pension and annuity funds of its civil and military servants. For these deposits and funds it is responsible, precisely as a London banking firm would be to its customers. Thus, out of the gross sum of nearly 25 millions of cash balance on March 31, 1872, it absolutely owed 20 1/3 millions to its depositors. This sum, although existing in the vaults of the 250 Government treasuries throughout India, was no more an asset of that Government than the deposits of private customers in the London and Westminster Bank. The balance, therefore, amounted to 4½ millions. But of this residue more than 3½ millions were unexpended loans for reproductive works—loans which had just been raised, and which might be expended within a few months. The effective balance which the Government of India possessed on March 31, 1872, was, in exact figures, £998,998, or less than a million sterling. This effective balance, it should be remembered, was distributed over 250 treasuries, and was the sole resource for a Government which annually spends about 50 millions.

Another parliamentary delusion on Indian finance has reference to the stationary character of the Indian revenues. Great stress was laid upon the circumstance that, in the presence of a yearly increasing expenditure for the better administration of India, the financiers of that country have no increase of revenue to fall back upon. Now the facts on this subject are simply these:—The present Constitution of India dates from the year 1792-93, when Lord Cornwallis introduced his great consolidated system of Indian government. In that year the gross Indian revenues amounted to 8½ millions sterling. Ten years later they had risen to close on 13½ millions. The year 1813 marks another great revision of the Indian Constitution. In that year they were 16 1/3 millions sterling. The year 1832-33 was also the beginning of another epoch, and the revenues had risen to 18½ millions. In 1842-43 they amounted to 22½ millions; in 1852-53 to 28½ millions; in 1862-63 they had risen to 45 millions sterling; and in 1871-72 to 50 millions sterling. So far, therefore, from the Indian revenues being stationary, they have risen by steady annual increments from the date when the existing Constitution was founded—eighty years ago; and their largest increment has been during the past twenty years. Between 1832-33 and 1871-72 they have augmented from £22,783,872 to £49,888,542, or over 21 millions sterling. This gives an annual increase of over one million per annum; and if the same increase continues until 1900, the British Empire of India will have the largest revenue of any Government in the world.

There is no reason why it should not do so. The Indian Government is in several respects a trading concern. Since it passed to the Queen's Administration its mercantile aspects have been intensified on an unparalleled scale. For example, it has very largely invested in railways. In 1862 the total lines which it had constructed amounted to 1,584 miles; in 1871 it amounted to 4,778. In 1862 its net receipts from railways were £433,197. Ten years later, in 1871, its net receipts had multiplied more than six times, and amounted to £2,665,521. In the same way it has invested very largely in irrigation works. In this department its returns are slower, but in the long run even more certain. It is also a great landlord, and is constantly laying out money in the improvement of its estates. It has not only invested large sums in increasing the area of its property by conquest and annexation, but it has also spent a vast annual saving in roads, in drainage, and in advances of various sorts. The accepted parliamentary idea is that such investments in the improvement and additions to its property do not pay.

The facts of the case are as follows :—In 1792-93 the land revenue of India amounted to £3,913,101. Twenty-two years later, after certain accessions of territory, it had risen to 11½ millions. In 1841-42 it stood at a little over 14 millions; in 1851-52, at 16½ millions; in 1861-62, at 21½ millions; and in 1871-72 at over 23½ millions. This includes the forests and excise, which, according to the Indian system, are shown in the same account. What we have to do with is the one broad fact that during our eighty years of settled government in India, this head, which is supposed to be the most stationary of all, has risen from 4 millions to nearly 24 millions sterling. It would seem, therefore, that the business of land-holding as conducted by the Government of India is, on the whole, a prosperous one. That Government, no doubt, made a great mistake in fixing the land tax of certain of its provinces in perpetuity, before it had acquired sufficient information as to their capabilities. But, in spite of mistakes, the broad fact remains that the Indian Government obtained as rental from its estates £16,786,425 in 1851-52, and £23,340,446 in 1871-72. We agree with Mr. Fawcett, however, that the increase might have been greater. The Indian Government, by an error perhaps pardonable in financiers untrained in political economy, forgot that in fixing the land revenue in silver they were fixing it in a commodity of changeable market value. During the ten years of British rule from 1862 to 1871 India imported 165¾ millions of bullion and re-exported only 15¼ millions. A balance of 150½ millions has therefore accumulated in India during ten years. This has completely altered the purchasing power of silver, and, as a matter of fact, that power, whether expressed in wages or in food prices, has fallen from one-third to one-half since the country passed to the Queen in 1858. Perhaps it was impossible under the more stagnant rule of the Company to foresee such a revolution; but it is clear that such changes in the relative value of the precious metals must now form an important element in fixing the future land tax of Indian provinces. If the British Government is to realize a fair proportion of the yield of its estates, it must adjust its rental by a valuation in grain.

It remains, however, to consider the price which the Indian Government has paid for this enormous extension of its revenues. This price consists in its public debt—that is to say, in the borrowed capital which it has invested in increasing the area of its property by annexation or conquest, and in augmenting its productiveness by internal improvements. This account only extends as far back as the renewal of the Charter of 1813. In that year the registered debt bearing interest amounted to 415-35 per cent. of the net revenue, or, say, four times the amount of that revenue. In 1856-7, before the Mutiny, it had sunk to 187·19 per cent. of the net revenue, or, say, 1 4/5 of the net revenue. The Mutiny laid a heavy burden upon India. In 1859-60, the first complete year of the Queen's Government, the registered debt bearing interest had risen to 281.32 per cent. or, say, 2 4/5 of the net revenue. In 1871-2, after all the improvements and all the investments made by the Queen's Government in India, the registered debt bearing interest had sunk to 271.72 per cent. of the net revenue.

So far, therefore, from the revenues of India being stationary, they exhibit one of the most signal instances of increase that any civilized Government can produce. These revenues under a really able financier are capable of being developed without any sensible increase of the public burdens, but simply from the increased return which the Government invests means in land, irrigation, and railways will yield. Judging from the past twenty years, and allowing for only a moderate degree of bungling, they may be expected to amount to £25,000,000 sterling by the end of the century.—*Pall Mall Budget.*

WHAT OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN DONE ON THE GOLD COAST.

EARL GREY, in a letter to the *Times*, sketches out the policy which he thinks ought to have been pursued by the British Government in Western Africa, and which would have prevented the Ashantee war. He begins, however, by controverting a statement made by Sir Charles Adderley, that if the Conservatives had been in power during the last six months there would have been no Ashantee war. Earl Grey, though not much inclined to defend the present Government, nevertheless believes the Ashantee war to be the direct consequence of a policy for which the Conservatives are not less responsible than their opponents, and of which Sir Charles himself was one of the most strenuous promoters. Lord Grey's own views he thus defines :—

"To render our position on the Gold Coast secure and useful, all that was required beyond keeping up the garrisons of the forts on their former moderate scale, and taking care to make them efficient, was to organize the protected tribes for their own defence, and for the maintenance of order. . . . The fact that they are recognised as being under our protection seems to carry with it an obligation to exercise over them a certain amount of authority, since otherwise our protectorate must be either merely nominal or else expose us to a hazardous responsibility. It is obvious that we should incur such a responsibility if we were to undertake to protect barbarous tribes from dangers their own misconduct might bring upon them; if, therefore, we were to protect them, we must to a certain extent at least, control their actions. And formerly this was so completely the received idea, that I am not aware that a doubt was ever raised till within the last ten, or at furthest the last twenty years, that we ought to exercise a substantial authority over the protected tribes, for the purpose both of maintaining order within the territory, and of restraining them from any conduct calculated to give just provocation to their neighbours. I believe this to have been a just view of the position it was alike our duty and our interest to assume with regard to the protected tribes. What was wanted was to act upon it more completely, and for that purpose to bring the many petty chiefs and tribes who acknowledged our supremacy under some one native authority, and to provide some machinery by which that authority might be placed under British guidance. Something of this kind seems to have been contemplated by Sir B. Pine (the ablest Governor who has for many years been employed in this part of Africa), who is said to have suggested the formation of a "Fantee Confederacy" during the Ashantee war of 1863. Unfortunately, he was compelled by ill-health to leave the coast before anything could be done to carry his views into effect, and though at a later period the Confederation was formed, and continued nominally to exist for some time, it languished and died under the indifference, or open hostility, of succeeding Administrators and Secretaries of State. I have no hesitation in saying that, if the idea of Sir B. Pine had been followed up with vigour and with judgment, it would have altered the whole complexion of affairs. By the exercise of British influence the chiefs might easily have been brought to give their formal adherence to the confederacy and to recognize the power of a council, composed of themselves, to make laws and regulations for the whole Protectorate, with the consent of the British Governor, and under his advise. Above all, they might have been induced to appoint a British officer selected by the Queen to exercise executive power on their behalf under the name of General of the Confederacy. There would have been no difficulty in finding in our service some man who had shown his ability in managing barbarous tribes, and who, holding this office, and acting in concert with and in subordination to the governor of the settlements in Western Africa, would have been able very speedily to bring order out of the present anarchy of the Gold Coast. The first steps would have been to raise a revenue, and to create a small but well-disciplined armed force, to act as a police during peace, and in war to give support and confidence to the untrained warriors the chiefs can bring into the field. Perhaps it may be objected that both these things were unsuccessfully attempted more than twenty years ago; but, if properly considered, that failure (occasioned as it was by various faults in the execution of the design) would have been regarded as encouraging, instead of the reverse, with respect to the prospect of success there would have been if the attempt had been renewed with greater judgment. I can entertain no doubt that if right means had been taken there would have been no real difficulty in raising the small revenue necessary to provide for the modest wants of such a simple Government as would best have suited the actual state of society; and the Houssa police affords an example of the kind of armed force required, as well as a proof of the feasibility of creating it, and of its great utility. With a revenue it would also have been possible to assign stipends (very small ones would have sufficed) to the chiefs, and to have made arrangements for gradually converting them into executive officers of the Government, subject to removal for misconduct. By arrangements of this kind the part of Western Africa which acknowledges British supremacy might in no long time have been raised to a condition in which it would have been both perfectly able to defend itself from its barbarous neighbours and to afford a very extended and valuable field for our commerce. The territory is both large and productive; its inhabitants are numerous, and they are of a race singularly tractable and ready to obey authority when judiciously exercised, by no means averse from industry under favourable circumstances, fond of trade, and eager to obtain European goods by means of it. These advantages, if given fair play by the establishment of such a simple Government as I have described, could not have failed to create wealth, civilization, and commerce; and the parliamentary papers contain abundant proof that, though the natives were totally incapable of establishing such a Government if left to themselves, they might easily have been led to do so by British direction and with British assistance. This direction and assistance were indispensable in the first instance, but might have been gradually withdrawn as they became less needed; and from the first the active co-operation of the chiefs should have been sought, and a larged share of authority should have been left in their hands. A native State thus formed would have become a centre from which civilization would gradually have spread through Africa."

In a future letter Earl Grey will undertake to prove that to keep up our establishments on the Coast, and at the same time to take none of the measures necessary to render them secure and useful, was to halt between two opinions, and that the Government, by choosing this course, has incurred most of the evils and dangers of both the two opposite lines of policy that were open to it, and has failed to secure the advantages of either.

THE TRIAL OF MARSHAL BAZAINE.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

VERSAILLES, OCT. 25.

THE Court resumed its sitting to-day, when several witnesses were recalled, but no important fact was elicited. It was stated, however, that the Emperor, on passing through Verdun on the 16th of August, announced that Marshal Bazaine would arrive there on the following day.

Colonel Lewall, of the Staff, deposed that he was sent by Marshal Bazaine on the 18th on a reconnaissance in the neighbourhood of Metz, and that the positions occupied by the troops indicated that it had been decided to withdraw on the Briey road. Captain Young, who was the next witness, stated that on the 18th of August Marshal Bazaine, on seeing the troops abandoning their positions, exclaimed, "What can be done with such soldiers?" This witness was followed by Captain Chalus, who stated that he had been sent by Marshal Canrobert to request Marshal Bazaine to send reinforcements and ammunition; that the Marshal told him he would send a division of the Guard to the assistance of Marshal Canrobert, but Marshal Bazaine having received word from a General that everything was going on well with the 6th Army Corps, the Commander-in-Chief abandoned his first intention. Commander Beaumont deposed that Marshal Bazaine on the 18th of August, about 4 p. m., gave him an order requiring General Bourbaki to return to Metz, but that he (Commander Beaumont) in order that no misunderstanding might arise, asked the Marshal to repeat his order. On the other hand, Captain Mornay (Marshal Bazaine's Aide-de-Camp) swore that the Marshal instructed General Bourbaki to hold his ground.

Commander Beaumont, nevertheless, maintained his assertion.

The next witness was Captain Lacaze (General Bourbaki's Aide-de-Camp), who deposed that on meeting the defendant at about 4 p. m., he heard from him that General Bourbaki was about to return to Metz.

Captain Latour-Curin, of General Ladmirault's Staff, deposed that in the afternoon of the 18th of August General Bourbaki gave orders to his troops to proceed to support the 4th Army Corps.

The Court here adjourned to Monday.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

VERSAILLES, OCT. 27.

THE Court resumed its sitting to-day, and on M. Lachaud, the Marshal's counsel, expressing his intention of cross-examining the witnesses with regard to the Battle of Forbach, the Government prosecutor announced that he only intended to bring forward evidence in support of the indictment against the Marshal for his conduct after the 12th of August.

The President, however, decided that the witnesses should be examined, as requested by the defendant's counsel. General Montauban deposed that on the day of the Battle of Forbach he was at Sarreguemines at 6 a.m., but, not receiving the order to march to Forbach until 3 p.m., he was only able to arrive at an intermediary point by 7-30 p.m.

General Castagny deposed that at 5 p.m., on the 5th Marshal Bazaine told him to place himself at the disposal of the commanders of the first line of battle, among whom was General Frossard. He narrated that during the day of the 6th he heard guns firing, and at first thought it was thunder. He subsequently believed it his duty to hold himself in readiness for a battle which he considered probable on the morrow, but as the firing continued he commenced marching and arrived in the evening on the heights of Forbach. He added that on the 6th he received no advice or orders from General Frossard.

General Metmann said Marshal Bazaine ordered him on the 5th to place himself at the orders of General Frossard. At 7-30 he received a request from General Frossard to go to his assistance. He arrived at Forbach at 9 P.M.

From these depositions it is made clear that on the 5th of August Marshal Bazaine ordered his Generals of Divisions to support Frossard in case of need, and is not responsible for these orders not having been carried out.

Captain Locmaria moreover deposed that he was sent to Generals Metmann and Castagny to tell them to reinforce General Frossard on the 6th of August.

General Frossard deposed that on the 5th of August he was informed that his corps was placed under the orders of Marshal Bazaine; consequently, on the 6th, as soon as he was attacked, he sent a despatch to the Marshal informing him of the fact, and continued sending him messages during the day. Marshal Bazaine gave distinct orders that he should be reinforced, but these instructions were not obeyed by the Generals of Division.

Other witnesses gave evidence respecting various details of the military operations, but nothing of importance occurred.

At the opening of the sitting the President, the Duc d'Aumale, had M. Regnier summoned, but that gentleman did not appear. It is said that it is intended to arrest him for writing a letter of an insulting character to the President of the Court, but he is reported to have taken refuge in England.

LETTER FROM PARIS.

(*Pall Mall Gazette.*)

PARIS, Thursday, Nov. 6th.

ALL parties—as parties—seem pretty well satisfied with the result of yesterday's struggle. The Royalists just managed to pull through, and the Republicans ran their opponents very close, assisted by the Imperialists. The Bonapartists also find no reason to complain, for there was a time when the present Assembly refused to listen to their most eminent orator. Yesterday one of their number was able to rise and discourse on the merits of a plebiscite, and more, to mention the possibility of Napoleon IV. taking up the reins of government. Even the Extreme Left gulped down its recollections of mixed commissions, Cayenne, New Caledonia, and Noumea, and complacently gave ear to M. Rouher; and when the question of an appeal to the people was put, M. Thiers, who had caused first M. Rouher and then Prince Napoleon to be arrested, stood and voted with the Radicals and the Imperialists. The ex-President was in a white tie and dress coat—*habit de noces*, as the wags said, to celebrate his wedding with the Bonapartists. Yesterday the Imperialists were wooed by the men of the 4th of September, who but a short time ago spoke of nothing but the "mud of Sedan;" and this morning some members of the Right paid M. Rouher a visit to implore his support. How sweet must this revenge be after a long run of persecution and opprobrium! To-day the Imperialists voted in favour of M. Buffet as President; and it seems probable that they will not oppose the ten years' prolongation scheme, though they would much prefer to see Marshal MacMahon elected for three or five years. For their "urgency" as regards the election of the President the Bonapartist *Pays* sneers that the Royalists only obtained a majority of 14 votes, while there are thirteen vacancies, and if the winter is hard a number of the deputies of the Right, many of whom are elderly gentlemen, will be carried off, and the majority displaced. The Bonapartists seem hardly to know which way to turn now, after having turned in every possible direction. The editors who support the cause recommend their friends in the Chamber, if the right insists on Marshal MacMahon's powers being prolonged for ten years, to abstain from voting. The Extreme Right appeared intent upon voting against the prolongation, but these ultra-Royalists seem to have altered their intention. They wished to strike another blow for the White Flag, but they have been dissuaded, and will now vote for the military dictatorship of the modern Bayard. When the Right got a majority yesterday, more than one Royalist regretted that the question raised was not between the Monarchy and the Republic: our *belle rayante* would have been voted, sighed the gentlemen on the Right benches. Among the many other strange things observable in yesterday's debate was the fact of M. Thiers, who really led the attack, being opposed by three of his ex-Ministers, MM. de Goulard, de Cissey, and de Larcy, and his ex-ambassador, the Duc de Broglie. M. Grevy, who has always disapproved the violence of the extreme Left, was himself Radical to such an extent that the organ of M. Gambetta promises his speech *in extenso* for to-morrow. Then there was M. Dufaure, an old friend and servant of the house of Orleans, bitter and sarcastic in the extreme against the Royalists, and the Duc d'Aumale, who was in his seat, but who, being on leave of absence, could not vote. There can be no doubt that the Republicans in Paris are much disappointed at the turn affairs have taken, for they desire the letter as well as the spirit, and will in no way be satisfied with a dictatorship. The language used among the people is of the most violent description, and leads one to the belief that the President, if elected for ten years, will have as troubled a time of it as Louis Philippe. That moderate paper the *Temps* says this evening that the dominant idea of the Message is to set at nought the opinion of the country, which is in favour of the definitive establishment of the Republic. It demands a military dictatorship supported by repressive laws. It is remarked that the Message does not speak of the Republic, and that all mention of the Republic is carefully avoided in the *projet de loi* drawn up by the Committee of Nine. There appears to be some chance that the Government will modify its intentions and will reduce the prolongation they now propose to five years. I am led to believe that Marshal MacMahon has expressed a desire that such should be the case; to reduce the term of office from ten to five years would be of great advantage to the Government, which would gain the support of nearly all the Bonapartists and that of a large number of Left Centre trimmers. It is curious to observe that at the moment the Conservatives are calling out so lustily against Generals Valazé and Saussier coming forward as candidates for Parliament, they themselves desire to found a military dictatorship. The Conservatives now express much apprehension lest the country should be disturbed by pronunciamientos. Even the Imperialists join in this cry, though, without going back as far as the 18th Brumaire, their party has often indulged in such military demonstrations. Strasbourg, Boulogne, the 2nd of December, were pronunciamientos more or less successful. The majority is convinced that it will gather strength every day. It already points to the fact that although 362 voted yesterday, 384 deputies voted for M. Buffet to-day. "If the Bonapartists want prefectures and sub-prefectures they must come to us," said a Conservative. It is certainly a symptom of weakness that the Left did not bring forward a candidate for the chair of the Assembly. M. Edouard Hervé sings a song of victory. "The cause of order has triumphed," he says "the success was complete, because the revolutionary party united all its forces to do us battle. Who would have supposed a few months ago that we should have had to contend against a coalition formed by M. Rouher, M. Thiers, M. Grévy, M. Gambetta, and M. Dufaure?"

RUSSIA IN CENTRAL ASIA.

THE St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Allgemeine Zeitung*, referring to the recent annexation by Russia of the country on the right bank of the Oxus, points out that, although this territory is occupied by Russian troops, they are as yet far from being masters of it. "While," he says, "the power of the Turcoman Yomads in the west is only about to be crushed, the Mahommedan robber Sadyk makes the steppe unsafe in the east of the Khanate, and, according to some very alarming letters from Samarcand, it is feared that he will soon resume his practice of plundering the caravans. His audacity goes so far that he sends letters to the Russians from time to time which are full of defiance and insult, and the Russians have no means of punishing him. Russia will only have reason to congratulate herself on the acquisition of Central Asia, when she shall occupy a dominant military position there, and acts effectually by brute force as well as by her moral and civilizing influence. It seems—and letters which I received the other day from Turkestan clearly indicate this—that the officers who have hitherto had the administration of the country in their hands have hitherto restricted themselves to the performance of their military duties, totally neglecting their administrative functions. It is to be hoped that this state of things will now cease. All the plans of railways to India (which have been proposed not only by M. Lesseps, but by several intelligent and enterprising Russians) will remain mere empty speculations if Russia does not everywhere become both the physical and the moral ruler of Central Asia. Already in the year 1868 a M. Bykowski surveyed a line of 3,000 versts for a railway to India, and estimated that the revenue of such a railway would bring 30,000,000 roubles a year into the Russian treasury. On the 6th inst., this gentleman renewed his proposal before the Committee of the Society for the Promotion of Russian Trade and Industry. General Bessusiekoff has traced six lines with the same object, and M. de Lesseps is now having the necessary surveys made for his own plan. This is all very fine; but it will come to nothing if Russia does not maintain a clear physical superiority over the native tribes. The correspondent also mentions a report, which he thinks is probably true, that Russia proposes to build a town, to be called Alexandra Petrovsk, in the annexed territory, at a distance of 80 versts from Khiva and 200 from Bokhara. —*Pall Mall Budget.*

MAJOR SCOTT-WARING AND WARREN HASTINGS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "SPECTATOR."

SIR,—I have to point out an error in your article on the Morpeth election in your last issue. You there dub my great-grandfather, Major Scott-Waring, as the paid delegate of Warren Hastings in the House of Commons. I do not blame you, Sir, for this false statement, inasmuch as you have as your authority Lord Macaulay. But in giving a flat denial to the fact asserted, that Major Scott-Waring was Warren Hastings' paid delegate, I will go further, and impeach the great Scotch essayist of having wilfully falsified history. My grandmother, the late Mrs. Reade, of Ipsden, who was the personal friend, in her early days, of Pitt, Grattan, Sheridan, and Thurlow, when she read Lord Macaulay's libel on her father's memory, wrote to him adducing evidence which proved beyond a doubt that her father, the traduced friend and supporter of the great Proconsul, was, in comparison with Hastings, a *rich* man, that he never directly or indirectly received one stiver for his services as the advocate of Hastings and our Indian Empire, and that when Hastings died he was indebted to Major Scott-Waring's representatives to the extent of more than ten thousand pounds,—*money lent*. This letter the noble lord never answered, nor did he in a second edition condescend to modify his accusation of a man whose faults were those of a cavalier, and whose virtues were not venal.

—I am, Sir, &c.,

COMPTON READE.

Magdalen College, Oxford

[Mr. Compton Reade is right enough to fight for the memory of his ancestor, but he should do it in a pamphlet, *after* the great mass of Hastings' letters now coming forward are in print, and he must give evidence. His present statement proves nothing at all, except that Major Scott-Waring had great pecuniary transactions with Hastings. Macaulay, though occasionally rash in statement about English personages, is a dangerous authority to attack on Indian matters. He had access to everything, and his highest rhetoric is usually strictly accurate. For example, the present writer entirely disbelieved his flight about Bengalees singing their children to sleep with a song about Hostin Saheb; but the song existed, was found, and was published. So also as to the curious hint that Mrs. Hastings took bribes. She did take them, and with them bought two great zemindaries in Orissa for her two sons by the Baron. They lived on them for years, but fell in the world, till her last descendant died a pauper in a hospital in Scind about 1852. If Macaulay had evidence in his hands, he would naturally shrink from worrying Major Scott-Waring's daughter with it.—E D.*Spectator.*]

THE PUBLIC AND THE POLICE.

(*Times*, Nov. 3.)

THE recent affray between the police and several officers of the 1st Life Guards has naturally caused a considerable social sensation, but it has still more serious aspects. On a first glance at the character of the charge the impulse of most people would be to put down the officers as altogether in the wrong. We have accustomed ourselves to feel—and the feeling is a healthy one—that a quarrel with the police contains on the face of it the condemnation of those who engage in it. We can hardly conceive that violence could be used towards peaceable persons—particularly those whose social position makes them look with intense repugnance on anything like a disreputable physical struggle—unless there were a great and inexcusable provocation, and in the case of the affair at the Argyll Rooms, if we had accepted the story told by the police as true, we should have had no hesitation in pronouncing a severe censure upon the officers of the 1st Life Guards. Inasmuch, however, as Mr. Knox, after two days' careful investigation of the fact, has dismissed all the charges against Colonel Fraser and his companions, we are bound not only to exonerate the officers but to point out the very singular position in which his decision leaves the police. In all probability we have not heard the last of the business, and we have no wish to prejudge any questions as to the character of the evidence offered for the prosecution that may hereafter arise. It is quite clear, however, that when Mr. Knox discharged Colonel Fraser and his comrades with what seems to be well-merited praise of their demeanour, he expressed, as distinctly as if he had put it into words, his opinion that the testimony of the police was not to be trusted. If he had trusted it he would have been compelled to pass a severe sentence upon the officers.

No one, we imagine, can read the evidence without coming